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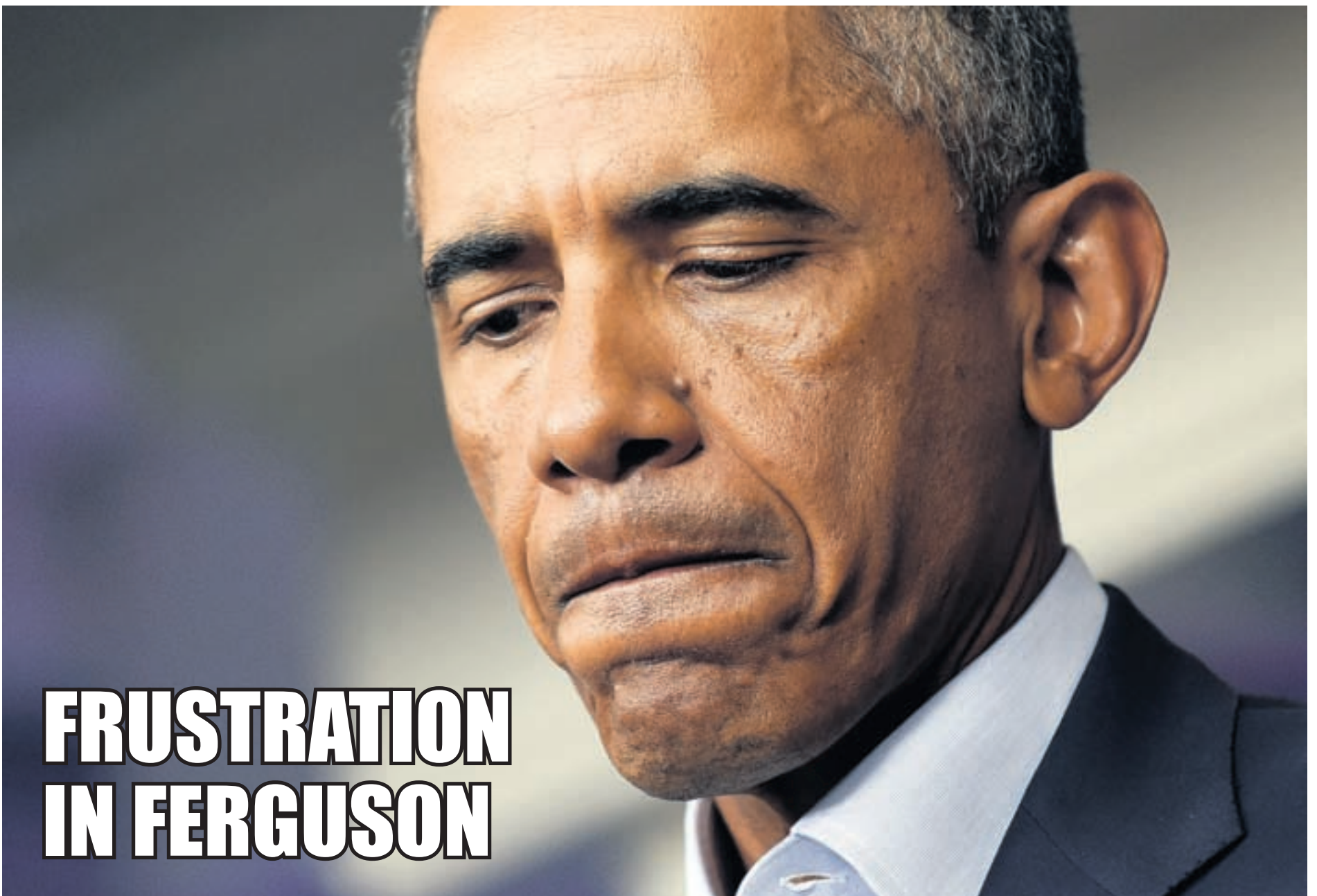


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## FRUSTRATION IN FERGUSON

President Barack Obama speaks in the James Brady Press Briefing Room in the White House in Washington, Monday, Aug. 18, 2014. Taking a two-day break from summer vacation, Obama met with top advisers at the White House to review developments in Iraq and in racially charged Ferguson, Mo., two trouble spots where Obama has ordered his administration to intervene.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

## Obama to Send Attorney General to Missouri

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**FERGUSON, Mo.** - President Barack Obama said Monday that he was sending Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. to the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson as the Missouri governor deployed the

National Guard to help the police quell unrest over the shooting death of an unarmed black teenager by a police officer. Gov. Jay Nixon also lifted a curfew that had been imposed on Friday night. Holder will travel to Ferguson on Wednesday,

Obama said, and Ronald Davis, the director of the Justice Department's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, will arrive there on Tuesday to work with police officials. Obama told reporters at the White House that he had talked to Nixon and

expressed "an interest in making sure that if in fact the National Guard is used, it is used in a limited and appropriate way." "I'll be watching over the next several days, to assess whether, in fact, it's helping rather than hindering progress in Ferguson," Obama

said. The role of the National Guard will be limited, Nixon said in a statement. Troops will protect the police command center here, which the authorities said came under a coordinated attack Sunday night.

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## White House:

# Iraq forces retake Mosul Dam from militants

**VIVIAN SALAMA  
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Associated Press**

**BAGHDAD (AP)** — Iraqi and Kurdish forces recaptured Iraq's largest dam from

international concern about the Sunni extremist group. Washington launched attacks from its warplanes and drones on Aug. 8. Pope Francis endorsed the

that a savage group that seems willing to slaughter people for no rhyme or reason other than they have not kowtowed — that a group like that is con-

of the strategic 2.1-mile dam that spans the Tigris River. Completed in 1986 under Saddam Hussein, it includes a sprawling complex with power genera-

## Assange talks of leaving embassy, sows confusion

**RAPHAEL SATTER  
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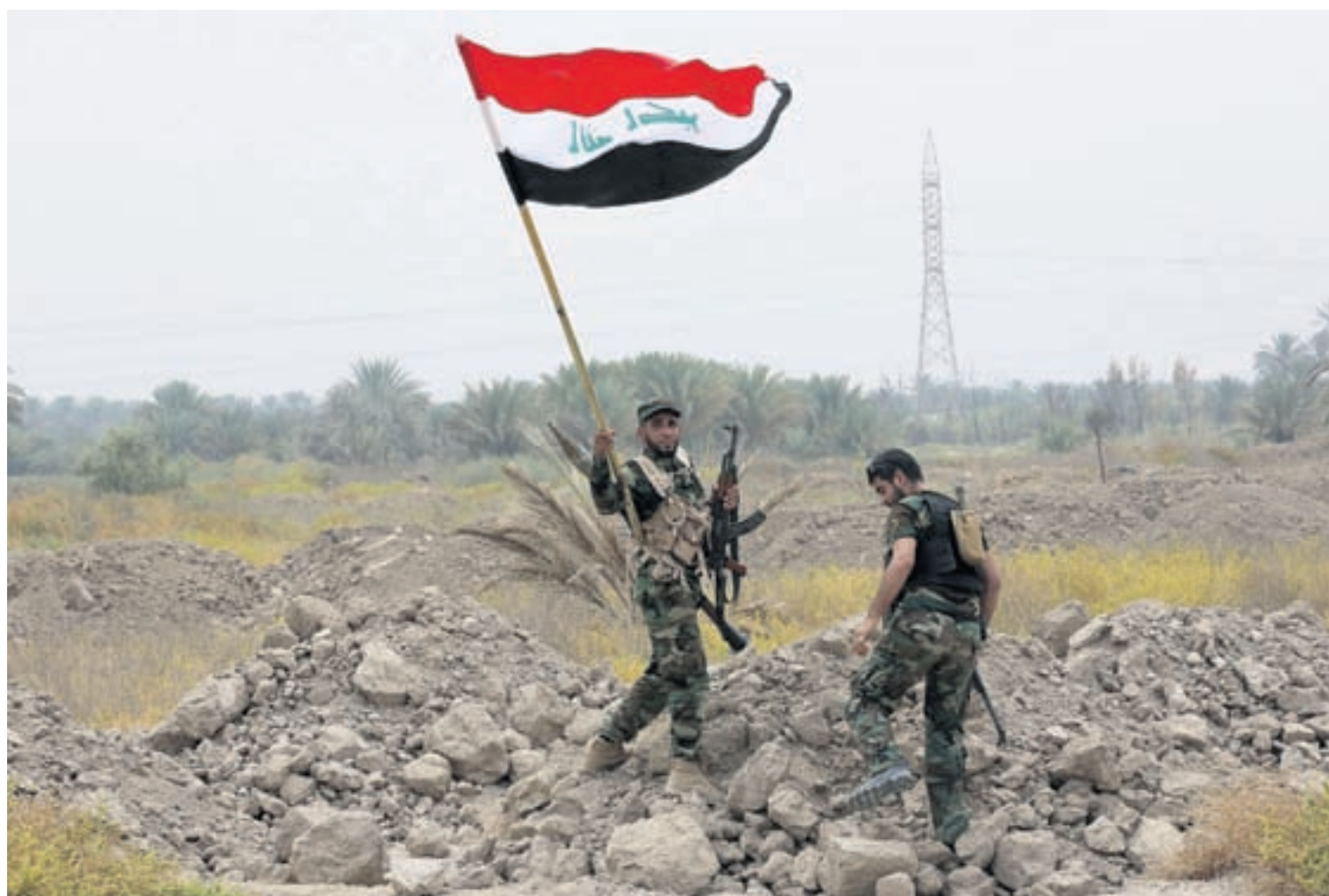
**LONDON (AP)** — WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange sowed confusion Monday with an announcement that appeared to indicate he was leaving his embassy bolt hole, but his spokesman later clarified that that would not happen unless the impasse over his extradition were resolved. Assange made the cryptic comments during a press conference at the Ecuadorian Embassy in London following a meeting with Ricardo Patino, the Latin American nation's foreign minister. When asked about speculation — some of it sparked by a recent interview with a British newspaper — that the 43-year-old Australian was ready to leave the embassy to seek medical treatment, Assange declined to answer directly, instead pointing to Kristinn Hrafnsson, the WikiLeaks spokesman, who was in the back of the room.

"He said I can confirm that I am leaving the embassy soon, but perhaps not for the reasons that (news media) are saying," Assange said.

He refused to elaborate on the awkwardly worded statement.

Leaving the embassy would be a big move for Assange, who has remained trapped in the building since he sought refuge there more than two years ago. Assange is seeking to avoid extradition to Sweden, where he is wanted over sex crimes allegations, or the United States, where authorities are investigating his spectacular disclosures of secret information.

As bewildered journalists huddled after the press conference, Hrafnsson said that what Assange meant to convey was that he was ready to leave the embassy as soon as the British government gave him the guarantees he was seeking, namely the right to travel freely to Ecuador where he has asylum. □



**Iraq Shiite fighters make their way to the front line to fight militants from the extremist Islamic State group in Jurf al-Sakhar, 43 miles (70 kilometers) south of Baghdad, Iraq, Monday, Aug 18, 2014. Fighters of the voluntary armed group formed after the radical Shiite cleric Muqtatda al-Sadr called to protect holy shrines against possible attacks by Sunni militants.**

(AP Photo/ Hadi Mizban)

Islamic militants Monday following dozens of U.S. airstrikes, President Barack Obama said, in the first major defeat for the extremists since they swept across the country this summer. Militants from the Islamic State group had seized the Mosul Dam on Aug. 7, giving them access and control of enormous power and water reserves and threatening to deny those resources to much of Iraq. Iraqi forces suffered a string of humiliating defeats at the hands of the Islamic State as the extremists took over large parts of northern and western Iraq and sent religious minorities fleeing. The militants' battlefield victories brought U.S. forces back into the conflict for the first time since it withdrew its troops in 2011 and reflected the growing in-

use of force to stop the Islamic militants from attacking religious minorities in Iraq, although he said the international community — not just one country — should decide how to intervene. Obama called recapturing the dam by Iraqi and Kurdish forces a "major step forward" in the battle against Islamic State militants. Had the dam been breached, it could have had catastrophic consequences and endangered U.S. Embassy personnel in Baghdad, Obama said at the White House. He said the U.S. is urgently providing arms and assistance to Iraqi security forces as well as Kurdish fighters fighting the extremists.

"We've got a national security interest in making sure our people are protected and in making sure

tained, because ultimately it can pose a threat to us," Obama told reporters. He also urged the badly fractured and largely dysfunctional Iraqi government to move quickly to forge a united front. He noted last week's decision by Nouri al-Maliki to step down as Iraq's prime minister, a move that raised hopes a new government could roll back Iraq's powerful Sunni insurgency and prevent the country from splitting apart.

"They've got to get this done because the wolf's at the door," Obama said. There were conflicting statements throughout the day from the Kurdish commanders, the Iraqi military in Baghdad, the Pentagon and the militants of the Islamic State group over who was in control

tors, offices and employee housing. The southern end is mostly reserved for housing and offices. Before Obama spoke, Kurdish forces spokesman Halgurd Hekmat said the peshmerga regained full control of the dam and its surrounding facilities following two days of fierce clashes. But Iraq's Defense Ministry said security forces only "liberated a large part of the Mosul Dam" with the help of U.S. airstrikes, adding that forces had not freed the entire complex. Iraqi army spokesman Lt. Gen. Qassim al-Moussawi said at least 170 bombs have been dismantled around the dam but many more remain. He added that militants fled to areas near the south of the complex, hiding in homes and offices on the premises. □



# Perry has presidential hopes despite indictment



Gov. Rick Perry makes a statement in Austin, Texas, concerning the indictment on charges of coercion of a public servant and abuse of his official capacity. (AP Photo/Michael Thomas)

STEVEN R. HURST

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Criminal charges usually cripple or kill the future ambitions of an American politician. But that's far from certain with Rick Perry, the Republican governor of Texas and a potential presidential candidate in 2016.

His fellow Republicans are circling the wagons around Perry, outraged at allegations he broke the law by trying to force the resignation of an elected Democratic prosecutor who had been arrested for drunken driving and videotaped in a rant against her jailers.

And Perry has barely broken stride as he plans to test the political waters in three key states in the next two weeks, trying to rally conservatives by claiming to be a victim of government overreach. The charges have further raised the political heat in the state where the governorship, all House of Representative slots and one of two Senate seats will be decided in the November midterm election. Perry is the longest-serving governor in state history and plans to complete his third and final term in January as planned.

On Monday, Judge Bert Richardson, who is overseeing the case, cleared the way for those travels, deciding that Perry would not be arrested but instead

will be issue a summons to appear. A summons was being prepared to hold Perry's arraignment — a court appearance to answer the charges — on Aug. 29 at 9 a.m., according to the Travis County District Clerk's Office. But Perry spokesman Felix Browne said Monday evening that date had not been confirmed, adding that the governor wouldn't need to appear personally at the arraignment. Perry would appear personally at his booking.

Perry has called the criminal charges "outrageous," and vigorously challenged them as politically motivated in Sunday appearance on conservative Fox News television.

"Across the board you're seeing people weigh in and reflecting that this is way outside of the norm. This is not the way that we settle differences, political differences in this country," Perry said Sunday on Fox News. "You don't do it with indictments. We settle our political differences at the ballot box."

A Travis County grand jury on Friday indicted Perry on two criminal charges for carrying out a threat to veto funds to state's Public Integrity Unit that is under the oversight of Travis County district attorney Rosemary Lehmborg, the elected Democrat who was convicted of drunken

driving. She was videotaped in a holding cell

kicking the door, yelling for officials to call police higher-ups and finally being strapped to a restraining chair.

The Travis county seat is Austin, which is also the capital of Texas. County district attorneys oversee criminal prosecutions in their jurisdictions.

Perry had vetoed the funds after Lehmborg refused his demand she resign after her arrest and conviction. The 2013 veto prompted the criminal investigation. Perry said he had lost confidence in the prosecutor and had been clear about his intentions to veto the funding. The governor said Sunday that the indictment reflected a larger problem of government agencies not following the rule of law, pointing to the Inter-

nal Revenue Service scandal in Washington, where Republicans charge the taxing agency discriminated against non-profit status for their fundraising groups, and concerns about National Security Agency surveillance.

"This is nothing more than banana republic politics," Tony Buzbee a Houston-based defense attorney who will head a cadre of four lawyers from Texas and Washington defending Perry, said at a news conference. "The charges lobbed against the governor are a really nasty attack not only on the rule of law but on the Constitution of the United States, the state of Texas and also the fundamental constitutional protections that we all enjoy." □

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# Obama to send Attorney General to Missouri

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"With these additional resources in place," Nixon said, "the Missouri state Highway Patrol and local law enforcement will continue to respond appropriately to incidents of lawlessness and violence, and protect the civil rights of all peaceful citizens to make their voices heard."

The authorities have been stymied in their efforts to quell the unrest in the street caused by the death of the teenager, Michael Brown, on Aug. 9. Nixon turned to the state Highway Patrol to oversee crowd control Thursday after local officials were criticized for heavy-handed tactics that included the use of tear gas and military-style vehicles.

The state's less confrontational approach seemed to calm the crowds for one night, but tensions between the police and protesters have since surpassed levels seen earlier. Obama said to reporters that while the "vast major-

ity" of residents who had taken to the streets were protesting peacefully, a "small minority" had acted violently.

"While I understand the

or carrying guns and even attacking the police only serves to raise tensions and stir chaos," Obama said.

"In too many communities around the country, a gulf

too many young men of color are left behind and seen only as objects of fear."

He also criticized the behavior of the police in

people the right to protest peacefully."

On the street, law enforcement officials indicated Monday that they would take a different tack with protesters. People will not be allowed to congregate on the major thoroughfare that has been the center of the protests here. They could walk, officials said, but not be stationary.

At midmorning Monday, about a dozen county and state police officers told a small group that it could not gather at the QuikTrip convenience store that had been burned last week during protests over the death of Brown, 18.

People could walk up and down the street to protest, the officers told the group, which included the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, but they could not stand in one place.

"We're not doing any more static protesting," one state trooper said.

"Here's the biggest reason we're asking people to move," another trooper said. "So we can take care of it before it gets to that stage," he said, referring to the violent clashes of previous nights. The move was met with angry protests from those assembled, who stayed but milled around a bit. "In its most generous way, it's alienation," Jackson said. "That will just compound the problem."

Schools in the area were also closed Monday. On Sunday night, hours before the start of the second night of a mandatory curfew Nixon had ordered Saturday, police officers came under assault from gunfire and firebombs and responded with their largest show of force so far.

Using a barrage of tear gas and smoke canisters, and firing rubber bullets and deploying hundreds of officers in riot gear to sweep the streets of protesters, the law enforcement officials had the situation largely under control by the time the curfew began at midnight.

Protesters said that the police acted without provocation. □



**People protest for Michael Brown, who was killed by a police officer last Saturday in Ferguson, Mo. President Barack Obama said Monday that he was sending Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. to the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson as the Missouri governor deployed the National Guard to help the police quell unrest over Brown's shooting.**

(AP Photo/Charlie Riedel)

passions and the anger that arise over the death of Michael Brown, giving in to that anger by looting

of mistrust exists between local residents and law enforcement," Obama said. "In too many communities,

the community, saying, "There's no excuse for excessive force by police or any action that denies

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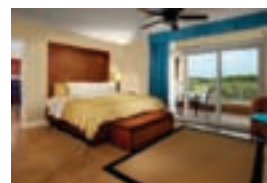
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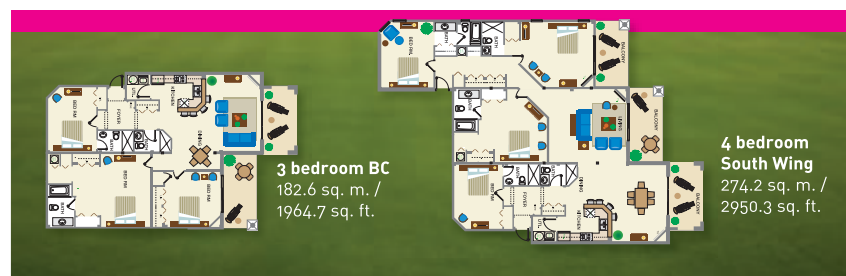
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## Father of Amish girls says sorry for kidnappers

**OSWEGATCHIE, New York (AP)** — The father of two Amish girls abducted in northern New York last week said he feels sorry for the two people authorities say kidnapped and sexually abused his daughters. The parents of the 7- and 12-year-old sisters spoke to the Johnson Newspapers at their home on Sunday, two days after Stephen Howells Jr. and Nicole Vaisey were charged with kidnapping with the intent to physically or sexually abuse the girls. "It's sad," the 44-year-old father said. "They must have ruined their whole life."

The Associated Press is not naming the family members because it generally does not identify victims of sexual abuse.

The sisters were abducted Wednesday from a farm stand in front of the family's home near the Canadian border.

They were set free about 24 hours later and turned up safe at a house 15 miles (24 kilometers) from where they were taken.

Howells and Vaisey were arrested Friday. Authorities say the couple sexually abused the girls before letting them go. District Attorney Mary Rain has said additional charges are likely as early as this week.

Sheriff Kevin Wells said Monday that investigators have finished gathering evidence at the home Howells and Vaisey share. He said that it will take time to go through that information and that there has been no decision to file additional charges ahead of a preliminary hearing scheduled for Thursday.

## Militias complicate situation on Texas border

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Associated Press

**MISSION, Texas (AP)** — On a recent moonlit night, U.S. Border Patrol agents began rounding up eight immigrants hiding in and around a canal near the Rio Grande. A Texas state police officer soon arrived to help. Then out of the darkness emerged seven more armed men in fatigues.

Agents assumed the camouflaged crew that joined in pulling the immigrants from the canal's milky green waters was a tactical unit from the Texas Department of Public Safety. Only later did they learn that the men belonged to the Texas Militia, a group of armed private citizens that dresses like a team of elite police officers but has no law-enforcement training or authority of any kind.

The presence of armed militia members working on their own in a region known for human smuggling, drug smuggling and illegal immigration has added one more variable to an already complex and tense situation as America's border crisis escalates.

A surge of illegal immigration put renewed attention on the border this summer. About 63,000 unaccompanied child immigrants were arrested between October and July, the vast majority of them in South Texas. Some militia and self-described "patriot" groups responded with a call to seal the border.

The Aug. 6 incident in Mission ended peacefully with the immigrants arrested and the Border Patrol advising the militia members "to properly and promptly" identify themselves anytime they encounter law-enforcement officers. But

the episode was unsettling enough for the Border Patrol to circulate an "issue paper" warning other agents. Law enforcement are warning that the militia could cause chaos throughout the Rio Grande Valley, a wide area patrolled by

a lot of potential for stuff to go wrong."

One year ago, a member of an Arizona Minuteman border-watch group was arrested for pointing a rifle at a sheriff's deputy he apparently mistook for a drug smuggler. Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio

agency "does not endorse or support any private group or organization from taking matters into their own hands as it could have disastrous personal and public safety consequences."

The militia members who surprised the Border Pa-



**A Border Patrol agent sits on the levee in Mission, Texas. On Aug. 6, 2014, a few hundred yards down the levee, Border Patrol agents arresting immigrants mistook seven armed militia members who helped detain immigrants for state troopers. The presence of armed militia members working on their own in a region known for human smuggling, drug smuggling and illegal immigration has added one more variable to an already complex and tense situation.**

(AP Photo/Christopher Sherman)

more than 3,000 border agents, as well as hundreds of state police, game warden and local police officers. Gov. Rick Perry is also sending as many as 1,000 National Guard reserve troops.

"How do they identify themselves? Do they have badges? How do we know who they are?" J.P. Rodriguez, a Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office spokesman, said of the militia. "If they're all just dressed in camos, it's kind of hard to distinguish whether they're law enforcement or not. ... There's

warned of "chaos if you're going to have private citizens dressed just like our deputies taking the law into their own hands."

If militia members aren't careful in their dealings with real law officers, "there could be some dead militia out there," he added.

The Border Patrol declined to comment on the encounter in Mission, referring questions to a general statement on militias released last month by U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

That statement said the

control that night told agents they wanted to help with the "border crisis" and that they supported the agency's efforts, according to a copy of the issue paper obtained by The Associated Press.

Emails sent to a website for the Texas Militia were not answered.

Militias in the United States trace their roots to the U.S. Constitution. They are allowed to own their guns, citing the 2nd amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and usually pass their time together training.



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## McDonald's seeks to confront its junk food image

**CANDICE CHOI**  
**AP Food Industry Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — At a dinner McDonald's hosted for reporters and bloggers, waiters served cuisine prepared by celebrity chefs using ingredients from the chain's menu.

A Kung Pao chicken appetizer was made with Chicken McNuggets doused in sweet and sour sauce and garnished with

The dishes aren't intended for McDonald's restaurants. Instead, the evening is part of a campaign by McDonald's to shake its reputation for serving cheap, unhealthy food. At a time when Americans are playing closer attention to what they eat, the company is trying to sway public opinion by first reaching out to the reporters, bloggers and other so-

be offered in Happy Meals, with other fruits being explored as well.

McDonald's declined to make an executive available for this story, but CEO Don Thompson said early this year: "We've got to make sure that the food is relevant and that the awareness around McDonald's as a kitchen and a restaurant that cooks and prepares fresh, high

quality food, in part because the prices are so low. And while McDonald's has added salads and a yogurt parfait to its menu over the years, Americans are gravitating toward other attributes, like organic produce and meat raised without antibiotics.

"People just don't think of McDonald's as having that premium quality," said Sara Senatore, a restaurant industry analyst with Bernstein Research.

In some ways, the image McDonald's is battling is ironic, given its reputation for exacting standards with suppliers. Thompson has also noted the ingredients tend to be fresh because restaurants go through them so quickly.

"The produce and the products that we have at breakfast and across the menu are fresher than — no disrespect intended — what most of you have in your refrigerators," he said at an analyst conference in May.

But even that reputation for supply chain rigor was recently tarnished when the chain's longtime supplier was reported to have sold expired meat to its restaurants in China.

The Price Conundrum  
 The low-cost burgers, ice cream cones and other food that made McDonald's so popular since it was founded in 1955 have come to define it. And some people can't get over the idea that low prices equal low quality.

"It's the whole perception people get when you sell something cheaply," said Richard Adams, who used to own McDonald's restaurants in San Diego and

now runs a consulting firm for franchisees.

Anne Johnson, for instance, said she eats at McDonald's because she can get a burger, fries and drink for about \$5. But Johnson, a New York resident, doesn't think there are any healthy options there.

"Basically, it's junk food," she said. Adding to its challenge, McDonald's can't seem to raise prices without driving people away. Pressured by rising costs for beef and other ingredients, the chain tried to move away from the Dollar Menu in 2012 with an "Extra Value Menu" where items were priced at around \$2. But customers are apparently righteous about the \$1 price point, and the strategy was scrapped. Last year, McDonald's changed its tactic a bit, hoping not to turn off customers. It tweaked the name of the "Dollar Menu" to the "Dollar Menu & More." McDonald's low prices also are part of what keeps it from competing with places such as Chipotle, which is touting the removal of genetically modified ingredients from its menu, and Panera, which recently said it will eliminate all artificial ingredients by 2016. Such moves would be Herculean feats for McDonald's, given its pricing model and the complexity of its menu. Meanwhile, the company acknowledges there are problems with how people perceive its food. "A lot of our guests don't believe our food is real," said Dan Coudreaut, director of culinary innovation at McDonald's, in an interview last year. □



**Staff members prepare dishes of slow-cooked beef served with gnocchi fashioned out of McDonald's french fries and a fruit sauce from its smoothie mix during a dinner hosted by McDonald's for reporters and bloggers, in New York. The evening was part of a stealth campaign McDonald's is waging to shake its image for serving junk food. (AP Photo/Candice Choi)**

parsley. Slow-cooked beef was served with gnocchi fashioned out of McDonald's french fries and a fruit sauce from its smoothie mix. For dessert, its biscuit mix was used to make a pumpkin spice "biznut," a biscuit-doughnut hybrid.

The event, held in New York City's Tribeca neighborhood, was billed "A transforming dining experience of 'fast food' to 'good food served fast.'" Attendees tweeted out photos and the night was written up on various websites.

called "influencers" who write and speak about McDonald's.

It's just one way McDonald's is trying to change its image. In the past 18 months, the chain has introduced the option to substitute egg whites in breakfast sandwiches and rolled out chicken wraps as its first menu item with cucumbers. Last fall, it announced plans to give people the choice of a salad instead of fries in combo meals. And in coming months, mandarins will

quality food is strong and pronounced."

The company faces an uphill battle, especially if the past is any indication. The salads it introduced more than a decade ago account for just 2 to 3 percent of sales. And the chain last year discontinued its Fruit & Walnut salad and premium Angus burgers, which analysts said were priced too high for McDonald's customers at around \$5.

The problem is that some people don't consider McDonald's a place to get





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### US Financial Front:

## American homebuilder confidence rises in August

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AP Real Estate Writer

U.S. homebuilders are feeling more confident in their sales prospects headed into next year, a sign that home construction and sales of newly built homes may pick up after stalling this summer.

The National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo builder sentiment index released Monday rose this month to 55, up two points from a revised reading of 53 in July.

The latest reading is the third monthly increase in a row and the highest since January, when it was 56. Readings above 50 indicate more builders view sales conditions as good, rather than poor.

Builders' view of current



A construction worker carries a sheet of plywood at the site of a 36-floor high rise condominium in Miami. The National Association of Home Builders reported on sentiment among U.S. builders on Monday, Aug. 18, 2014.

(AP Photo/Alan Diaz)

sales conditions for single-family homes, their outlook for sales over the next six months and traffic by prospective buyers each increased since July.

The brighter outlook bodes is a positive sign for the new-home market after a lackluster summer.

Sales of new homes are running behind last year's

pace. They slid 8.1 percent in June to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 406,000.

A mix of rising home prices, higher mortgage rates and meager wage growth has made it more difficult for would-be homebuyers to purchase a newly built home, particularly first-time buyers.

At the same time, the U.S. economy has been adding jobs at a solid clip, with gains topping 200,000 jobs every month in the six months through July.

And the pickup in home values has spurred homeowners to trade up to a nicer home. These so-called move-up buyers are

generally in a better financial position to buy than first-time buyers and have helped drive sales for some of the nation's biggest homebuilders.

In the latest NAHB index, which was based on responses from 366 builders, builder confidence improved nationally and on a regional basis, with readings for the Midwest, West, Northeast and South all posting gains from last month. The index gauging current sales conditions for single-family homes rose two points to 58, while builders' outlook for sales over the next six months also rose two points, climbing to 65. □

### In July:

## Unemployment rises in most US states

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Unemployment rates rose in 30 U.S. states last month, even as employers in two-thirds of the states stepped up hiring. The trends reflect an increase in job-hunters nationwide as an improving economy has encouraged more people to seek work.

The Labor Department said Monday that unemployment rates fell in eight states in July and were unchanged in 12. At the same time, hiring rose in 36 states, fell in 13, and was unchanged in Iowa.

The national unemployment rate ticked up to 6.2 percent in July from 6.1 percent in June, the government said earlier this

month, even as employers added 209,000 jobs.

The reason the rate rose nationwide even as hiring increased is that more Americans launched job searches but didn't find work. That lifted the number of unemployed. Still, the rise in people seeking jobs suggests they're more optimistic about their prospects.

The jobless aren't counted as unemployed unless they're actively seeking work.

Mississippi had the highest unemployment rate in July, at 8 percent, its first month with the highest since the 2008-2009 Great Recession. In June, Mississippi and Rhode Island had tied with rates of 7.9 percent. Rhode Island had the highest rate

for several months earlier this year. After recession ended in June 2009, Michigan and then Nevada typically had the highest rates. In July, Georgia had the second-highest rate, at 7.8 percent.

Michigan, Rhode Island and Nevada were tied with the third-highest, at 7.7 percent.

North Dakota had the lowest rate in the nation, as it has for many years, at 2.8 percent. The state is benefiting from an oil and gas drilling boom. Utah and Nebraska were tied with the next lowest rates, at 3.6 percent.

The biggest job gains were in Texas, which added 46,600 jobs, followed by California, with 27,700 and Michigan, with 17,900. □

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# Personal Health: Picking Apart Objections to Eating Fish

JANE E. BRODY

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I grew up eating fish. My family enjoyed a fish meal at least once a week, usually mackerel, salmon trout (now called steelhead) or flounder. Lox, pickled herring, smoked whitefish and sable were occasional treats.

In summer, when I caught little sunfish and perch in a local lake, my mother dutifully cleaned and pan-fried them. Yum!

My sons like fish, and fishing, too. They often took sardine sandwiches for lunch at school; I knew they would not be traded for PB&J. When they pulled a 5-pound carp from a Minnesota river, I stuffed and baked it, to the delight of dinner guests. I'm thrilled, too, that all four grandsons like fish.

So it baffles me that fish remains so unloved in comparison with the other sources of animal protein: red meat and poultry.

I know all the excuses: "I don't know what to buy." "I don't know how to prepare it." "It smells up the kitchen." "I once ate bad fish and never touched it again."

There are ways to overcome these objections. (A decade ago, I produced a seafood cookbook with Richard Flaste to facilitate this.) And it helps to know how and why to choose certain fish and shellfish over others.

Let's start with health. Fish is good for you, better than heart-damaging red meat and even better than lean poultry. Oily fish like salmon, mackerel, bluefish, herring and sardines are rich in omega-3 fatty acids. These are polyunsaturated fatty acids that may protect against heart attacks and stroke, help control blood clotting and build cell membranes in the brain. They are also important to an infant's visual and neurological development.

Omega-3s may also help ameliorate a variety of conditions, such as cancer, depression, inflammatory bowel disease, and autoimmune disorders like lupus and rheumatoid arthritis.

The best evidence for the benefits comes from studies of people who have long eaten fish, as op-

posed to taking supplements of omega-3s.

Nearly three decades ago, Dutch researchers published a groundbreaking study in *The New England Journal of Medicine*. Intrigued by the extremely low death rate from coronary heart disease among Greenland Eskimos, the Dutch team followed 872 men aged 40 to 59 for 20 years and found that

ment of Agriculture.

"Asians eat about 35 pounds of fish a year, including bony fish," Paul Greenberg, the author of two popular books on seafood, told me.

This may help to explain the longer life expectancy of the Japanese.

Although meat intake by Americans has nose-dived from a peak

are closed on Sundays and Monday's fish is more likely to be old.

If the fish you buy is wrapped in plastic, it will become smelly unless it's frozen right after purchase. I always rinse and pat dry fish before cooking it.

If you live near a coast, check out farmer's markets or stores for locally caught fish and shellfish, which is likely to be freshest and more flavorful.

Farmed fish is not necessarily the ecological or health disaster some claim it to be. American catfish, for example, is "our most successfully farmed fish, and the process creates wetlands that birds use a lot," Greenberg said. Farmed salmon now comes mostly from Chile, where it cannot disrupt wild populations.

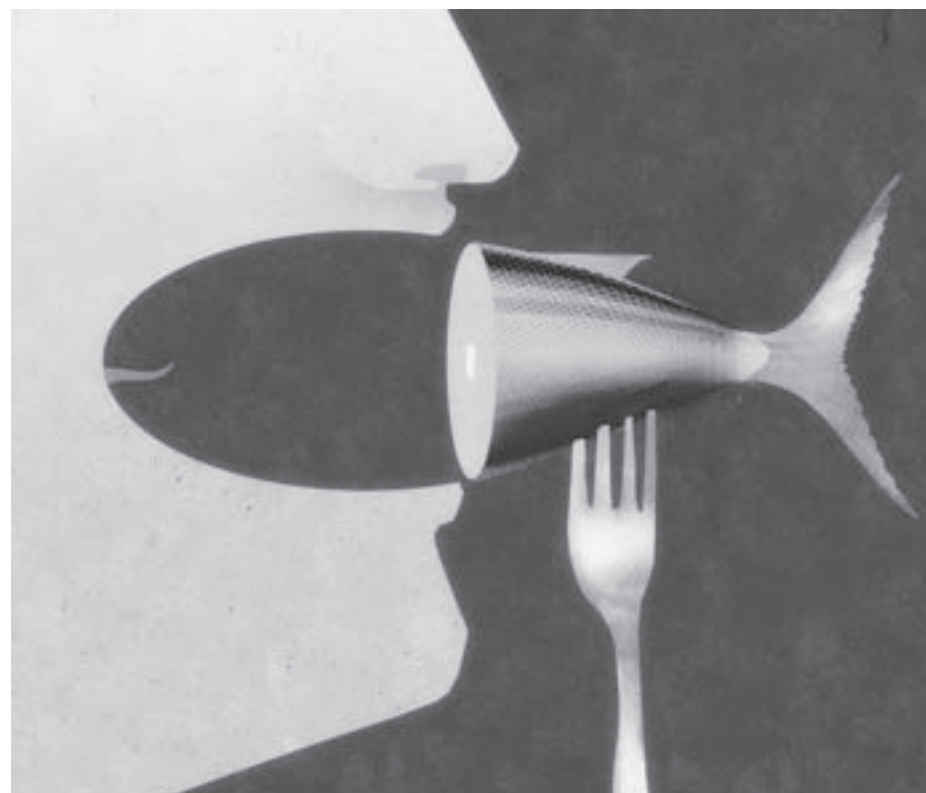
Most mussels come from farms and help to clean the water they live in. They are low in fat and calories, are good sources of omega-3s and are very low in cholesterol. On the other hand, shrimp (half of it farmed, often under questionable conditions), squid and lobster are high in cholesterol.

Those concerned about cooking fish and its odoriferous aftereffect have two options: Grill it outdoors, or choose fish when you dine out or take out.

A frequent kitchen mistake is overcooking fish. It should appear a little raw when taken from the oven or stovetop, Greenberg suggested. "By the time it gets to the table, it will be properly done," he said. I agree.

Some people have to be cautious about seafood. Anyone with a clear-cut allergy to any fish or shellfish, which can be life-threatening, should avoid it and learn what other varieties may cross-react.

Pregnant women are advised to limit their consumption of fish like tuna and swordfish with high levels of mercury, which can injure the developing fetal brain. But prior pregnancy restrictions on raw fish (sushi and sashimi) have been lifted, so long as the fish has been frozen at 0 to minus 4 degrees Fahrenheit for at least three days to kill any parasites. □



**Fish is good for you, better than heart-damaging red meat and even better than lean poultry. Even so, it is not a popular choice in the kitchen, but there are ways to overcome opposition to it.**

(Brian Stauffer/The New York Times)

those who ate as little as one or two fish meals a week had a 50 percent lower death rate from heart attacks than those who did not eat fish.

Other studies linked fish consumption to a reduced risk of strokes, although later research concluded that the lifesaving benefit was limited to people at high risk of cardiovascular disease.

Given that heart disease and stroke are the leading causes of death among Americans, you'd think this research might have drastically lifted our consumption of fish. Alas, relatively little change has occurred.

Fish consumption reached a high of 16.6 pounds per person a year in 2004, and has declined slightly since, according to the Depart-

of nearly 150 pounds a person in 1971, it is still at 100 pounds per capita. Poultry intake has risen from 41 pounds in the 1960s to 99 pounds a person today.

If choosing which fish to buy is your issue, search out a specialty store or supermarket seafood counter that has a knowledgeable clerk. Ask for recommendations and preparation ideas. Plenty of stores will have recipes available. A useful guide to the most environmentally friendly choices can be found at [www.seafoodwatch.org](http://www.seafoodwatch.org).

Make sure you're getting fresh fish, which should not smell "fishy." The freshest fish is sold frozen, unless it comes from local waters. I avoid buying fish on Mondays because most wholesale markets



# Ukraine says dozens killed in shelling of convoy

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KIEV, Ukraine (AP) —

Ukraine accused pro-Russia separatists of killing dozens of civilians in an attack early Monday on a convoy fleeing a besieged rebel-held city. The rebels denied any attack took place, while the U.S. confirmed the shelling of the convoy but said it did not know who was responsible. The refugees were attacked with Grad rockets and other weapons imported from Russia as their convoy traveled on the main road leading from Russia to the rebel-held city of Luhansk. Col. Andriy Lysenko, a spokesman for Ukraine's National Security Council, told reporters.

"Many people were killed, among them women and children," Lysenko said of the attack, which oc-



Ukrainian soldiers load a Grad missile during fighting with pro-Russian separatists close to Luhansk, eastern Ukraine, Monday, Aug. 18, 2014. Dozens of civilians were killed Monday when separatist rebels shelled a convoy of refugees trying to flee war-torn eastern Ukraine, a top Ukrainian official said. A top rebel chief said no such attack had occurred.

(AP Photo/Petro Zadorozhnyy)

curred between the towns of Khyryashchuvate and Novosvitlivka. "We are not

able to count the death toll at this point."

When asked about a rough estimate of deaths, he said "dozens."

Oleksiy Dmytrashivsky, a spokesman for the Ukrainian government's military operation in the east, later told The Associated Press that 15 bodies had been

recovered from the smoldering vehicles and servicemen were collecting the body parts of at least 10 more people.

Donetsk rebel chief Alexander Zakharchenko insisted that no such attack had taken place. His deputy, Andrei Purgin, said he had no information about an

attack and insisted it was not by his forces.

"If someone was killed, it wasn't us but the Ukrainian military," Purgin told the AP. The road where Ukraine said Monday's attack took place has been the scene of heavy fighting in recent days as Ukrainian forces try to seal off supply routes into Luhansk from Russia. It's also the same road that would likely be the route taken by a controversial Russian aid convoy if Ukraine allows it into the country. The war zone in eastern Ukraine is effectively off limits for journalists and lacks power in many places, limiting citizens from easily providing their own reports. All this makes independent verification impossible. The United States condemned the attack, but said it was unable to confirm who was responsible. "We strongly condemn the shelling and rocketing of a convoy that was bearing internally displaced persons in Luhansk and express our condolences to the families of the victims." □

## Turkey outraged at reports of German government spying

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BERLIN - After angrily insisting for months that "friends don't spy," the German government struggled Monday to respond to news media reports that its intelligence services routinely spy on Turkey, a NATO ally, and inadvertently captured at least one conversation each involving Hillary Rodham Clinton when she was secretary of state and her successor, John Kerry.

While officials in Berlin sought to play down the reports, Turkey summoned the German ambassador to demand an immediate investigation.

"If there is even a bit of truth in these allegations, this is a grave situation that requires an explanation by Germany," Turkey's Foreign Ministry said in a statement. In a tone of outrage heard repeatedly from politicians in Berlin over the past year when addressing widespread allegations of spying by the U.S. National Security Agency, the Turkish government demanded

that German authorities "present an official and satisfactory explanation to the allegations," adding that "if true, these practices should be terminated at once."

Christiane Wirtz, a spokeswoman for Chancellor Angela Merkel, refused to confirm the spying reports, citing German protocol under which espionage is exclusively handled by a parliamentary committee that oversees the country's intelligence services. Asked whether Berlin considered Turkey a friendly nation that would exempt it from being the target of spying, Wirtz responded that, "Germany cooperates closely with Turkey in many different areas."

In October, amid widespread German outrage over allegations the NSA had been listening in on Merkel's cellphone, a spokesman for the chancellor insisted that "between close friends and partners, which the Federal Republic of Germany and the United States of America have been for decades." □



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# Egypt: No deal yet on Gaza cease-fire, more talks

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**Associated Press**

**CAIRO (AP)** — Egypt late Monday announced a 24-hour extension in talks between Israel and the Hamas militant group aimed at salvaging a long-term arrangement that would allow reconstruction of the Gaza Strip following a monthlong war that killed more than 2,000 people.

The announcement came just minutes before a temporary truce was set to expire at midnight, averting a resumption of the fighting that has caused devastating damage across Gaza and disrupted life throughout southern Israel.

"Palestinians and Israelis agreed on extending the cease-fire by 24 hours to continue current negotiations," the Egyptian government said in a statement. Palestinian and Israeli officials confirmed they had accepted Egypt's request for an extension.

A Palestinian negotiator said the sides had exchanged draft proposals for a long-term truce that were to be addressed during the 24-hour extension in

talks. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief the media.

Since last week, Egypt has been hosting indirect talks between Israel and Hamas aimed at ending the war. Gaza Health Ministry official Ashraf al-Kidra said Monday the death toll from the fighting had jumped to over 2,000 Palestinians, the majority of them civilians, while U.N. officials, who often take more time to verify figures, put the number at 1,976. Thousands of homes were destroyed, and tens of thousands of people remain huddled in U.N. shelters. Israel lost 67 people, all but three of them soldiers.

Egyptian mediators shuttled between the sides Monday, but gaps appeared to remain wide. Hamas is demanding an end to a seven-year Israeli-Egyptian blockade of Gaza that has devastated the local economy. Israel wants guarantees that Hamas, which fired thousands of rockets into Israel during the fighting, will be disarmed.

In an apparent attempt to pressure Hamas, Egypt said early Monday it would co-host an international fundraising conference for Gaza, but only if

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. The Gaza blockade, imposed after Hamas seized control of Gaza in 2007, remains the main stumbling block.

virtually all exports. Israel says the blockade is needed to prevent arms smuggling, but critics say the measures have amounted to collective punishment.



**A Palestinian sits in the rubble of the house of Hussam Kawasma, one of three Palestinians identified by Israel as suspects in the killing of three Israeli teenagers, after it was demolished by the Israeli army in the West Bank city of Hebron, Monday, Aug. 18, 2014. Troops also demolished the home of another militant suspected in the abduction and killing of the teens, whose deaths sparked the war in Gaza, and sealed up the home of a third.**

(AP Photo/Nasser Shiyoukhi)

a deal is reached. Israel, meanwhile, said in recent months it had arrested nearly 100 Hamas operatives in the West Bank in an alleged plot to topple

It has greatly limited the movement of Palestinians in and out of the territory of 1.8 million people, restricted the flow of goods into Gaza and blocked

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu already said this week he would not allow Hamas to win a diplomatic victory at the negotiating table. □

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## Paris:

## Robbers ambush Saudi prince's convoy

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**Associated Press**

**PARIS (AP)** — Armed robbers ambushed a car in a Saudi prince's diplomatic convoy on its way to a Paris airport commonly used for private jets, raiding the Mercedes for valuables then torching and abandoning the vehicle, police and prosecutors said Monday.

Five to eight assailants flashed handguns but fired no shots in the Sunday night attack, the Paris prosecutor's office said. No injuries or arrests were reported.

Rocco Contento of the SGP Paris police union said on BFM television that the car had 250,000 euros in cash and official embassy documents, and that the assailants were well-informed about the car's

itinerary.

The Paris prosecutor's office said the Mercedes carried "things of value," but would not confirm the theft of cash or documents.

The car, with a driver and two passengers, was heading for Paris' Le Bourget airport to handle paperwork for the departing prince, according to the prosecutor's office. Le Bourget is often used for high-level visitors.

The Saudi Embassy in France said in a statement that the hijacked vehicle had German license plates and had been rented by a Saudi national who had his belongings in the car and was on his way to the airport. The driver was forced to pull over, and the car was stolen with the luggage inside, said the state-

ment, carried by the official Saudi Press Agency.

French officials refused to name those in the car or the prince, who has since left the country for an unidentified destination. Members of the Saudi royal family often come to Paris for diplomatic or business visits.

The burned shell of the stolen car was later found near the attack site in northern Paris along with another car, apparently belonging to the assailants, according to the prosecutor's office.

The French Foreign Ministry called the attack, coming at the height of tourist season in the French capital, "unacceptable." An investigation was opened for armed robbery in an organized gang. □





A Nigerian port health official uses a thermometer on a worker at the arrivals hall of Murtala Muhammed International Airport in Lagos, Nigeria. (AP Photo/Sunday Alamba)

## UN urging exit screenings for Ebola at some airports

**JOHN HEILPRIN**  
**Associated Press**

**GENEVA (AP)** — Ebola-affected countries should immediately begin exit screening all passengers leaving international airports, sea ports and major ground crossings, the U.N. health agency said on Monday.

The agency didn't spell out which countries should start screening passengers, but noted that the Ebola outbreak involves transmission in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone and a "small number of people in Nigeria." All countries, even those unaffected by the outbreak in West Africa, need to strengthen their ability to detect and immediately contain new cases without doing anything that unnecessarily interferes with international travel or trade, the agency said. But countries don't need to impose travel restrictions and active screening of passengers if they do not share borders with Ebola-affected countries, it said.

Authorities in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea say they are already closely inspecting departing passengers for signs of fever or illness. The risk of the Ebola virus being transmitted during air travel is low because unlike infections such as influenza or tuberculosis, it is not spread by breathing air and airborne particles from an infected person.

Nonetheless, the World Health Organization said anyone with an illness consistent with the virus should not be allowed to travel normally and all passen-

gers should routinely wash their hands and avoid direct contact with body fluids of infected people.

"Transmission requires direct contact with blood, secretions, organs or other body fluids of infected living or dead persons or animals, all unlikely exposures for the average traveler," the agency said in a statement.

The only way to contain the disease, for which there is no licensed treatment, is by isolating the sick and closely watching for signs of infection in those they have come into contact with. A person usually has no symptoms for two to 21 days, but after the incubation period the symptoms include fever, weakness, muscle pain, headache and sore throat, according to WHO. Then comes vomiting, diarrhea, rash, and in some cases, bleeding.

The Geneva-based agency has been criticized by non-U.N. health organizations as being slow to call for an emergency response to the Ebola crisis. Some countries have banned direct flights to states hit by the disease. British Airways, Kenya Airways and a number of regional carriers have also canceled flights to the capitals of Sierra Leone and Liberia despite the WHO's recommendation that no travel or trade bans be put in place. Last month, a Liberian-American man infected with Ebola boarded a flight from Liberia to Nigeria and died days later; 11 people who came into contact with him have been infected. □

## India cancels talks after Pakistani envoy meets with separatists

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**NEW DELHI** - India called off planned talks with Pakistan on Monday after Pakistan's top diplomat in New Delhi met with separatist leaders from Kashmir in defiance of an Indian warning, officials here said.

The announcement, which followed a series of cease-fire violations and tough language from both countries, dampened expectations that the two countries would resume a tentative peace process under the leadership of India's new prime minister, Narendra Modi.

Syed Akbaruddin, a spokesman for India's Min-

istry of External Affairs, said Pakistan's high commissioner in New Delhi had been specifically warned that the talks, scheduled for Aug. 25, would be jeopardized if he met with leaders of the separatist group Hurriyat Conference. He described India's message as "talk to the separatists or talk to us."

The Pakistani official met with Hurriyat leaders Sunday.

"We were all ready to move into a constructive diplomatic engagement," Akbaruddin told NDTV, a television news station. "Alas, since then, what we see as efforts to undermine the dialogue have hap-

pened, and this was to interfere with India's internal affairs by calling in the so-called Hurriyat leaders."

Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs responded to the Indian decision cautiously and, using moderate language, described it in a statement as a blow to "efforts by our leadership to promote good neighborly relations."

Meetings between Pakistani diplomats and Kashmiri leaders before talks were a "longstanding practice," and Nawaz Sharif, Pakistan's leader, had "clearly articulated the vision of peace for development," the statement said. □



Activists of Hindu Sena, a lesser known right wing Hindu group hold placards and shout slogans against Pakistan and Kashmiri separatists as they protest outside the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi, India, Monday, Aug. 18, 2014. India says it has called off talks with Pakistan after its ambassador met with Kashmiri separatists. (AP Photo/Press Trust of India)

## 6 killed in mystery airstrikes in Libya

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**Associated Press**

**CAIRO (AP)** — Airstrikes launched by an unknown party targeting Islamist-led militias in Libya's capital killed six people Monday, authorities said, as the interim government vowed to investigate the strikes amid raging street battles. The confusion over who launched the two fighter jets shows the chaos still engulfing Libya after the 2011 civil war that toppled longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

In a statement, the government demanded the chief of staff and military intel-

ligence to investigate the predawn strikes Monday morning targeting positions of militias originally from the coastal city of Misrata and its Islamist allies.

The strikes, under the cover of darkness, sparked fears that a foreign country like Italy carried out the attack, as the Libyan military does not have aircraft that can fly at night, according to a former colonel in the Libyan air force. Libya's newly elected parliament recently asked the United Nations to protect its civilians and stop the fighting. Italy's ambassador to Libya even went on local televi-

sion to say his country was not involved.

Ahmed Hadiya, the spokesman for Libya Shield, an umbrella group for militias, suggested that the warplanes took off from the Wittiya air base west of Tripoli and targeted a base taken over by his militias recently. He did not provide more details.

A militiaman from the coastal city of Misrata said the jets belong to forces allied to renegade Gen. Khalifa Hifter. The militiaman spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to talk to journalists. □



# The chasm tilting Scots toward independence

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**MOFFAT, Scotland** - David Mundell, the only Conservative Party member among 59 British lawmakers elected from Scotland, would love to have a colleague or two to help out with appearances on morning TV and radio shows. While easing his workload,

gravity is distinctly to the left, and England, which is the geographic base of the Conservatives.

If Scots vote "yes" in September in the independence referendum, it will be at least partly a rejection of the Conservative Party, which under Margaret Thatcher reshaped British politics in the 1980s

get rid of nuclear weapons, raise the minimum wage in line with inflation and begin a sweeping extension of child care. And it is more favorable toward immigration and the European Union than the British government is.

"There is more of a communitarian viewpoint in Scotland that sees the val-

"no" vote might only delay separation. "You can start to peel away the layers, and what you get then for most Scots is an increasingly unattractive union with very little to offer," he said, citing issues including the "ramshackle" unwritten British Constitution and the British government's policies toward immigration

middle class more than the poor, and therefore should not be considered leftist.

Yet Cairns Craig, professor of Irish and Scottish studies at the University of Aberdeen, contends that Scotland "has always had what one might call a strong 'communitarian' tradition, dating back at least to the Reformation, in which it is assumed that the members of a community support each other."

One example is the more democratic structures that evolved historically in the Scottish church, where parishioners elect ministers. Another is the communitarian ethos embodied in Scottish philosophy and theology, Craig added, citing John Macmurray, the 20th-century philosopher whose Christian socialism was said to have inspired former Prime Minister Tony Blair, who led the Labour Party to victory in three national elections in the 1990s and 2000s.

More direct causes of the divergence between Scottish and English politics lie with British political parties, particularly the Conservatives. In the 1955 general election, the Conservative Party won more than half of Scotland's seats in the British Parliament, yet by the 1997 general election it had failed to secure a single seat there. "She was one of the worst things that ever happened politically to this country," Webster said. The passions provoked by the Thatcher years stretched the political system to its breaking point. Between 1979 and 1992, two years after Thatcher resigned, Scots favored the Labour Party in four elections but, because of results in England, ended up with Conservative governments anyway. (Supporters of independence argue that only separation can guarantee that this will not happen again.) Finally, in 1997, England and Scotland voted the same way - for Labour - and the new government created a Scottish Parliament with substantial powers to set policy. □



**David Mundell, right, Scotland's only Conservative Member of Parliament, and an aide distribute materials urging a "no" vote on an independence referendum in Moffat, Scotland. Conservatives' sway has dwindled in the north, and some left-leaning Scots are thinking of going their own way.**

(Kieran Dodds/The New York Times)

it would also answer the jibe that, as a Conservative member of the British Parliament, Mundell is rarer in Scotland than a giant panda. (There are two in the Edinburgh Zoo).

"I don't feel under siege, I don't feel marginal, I don't feel unloved," said Mundell, who nonetheless confesses to mild irritation that so many people "tell the panda joke expecting me not to have heard it before." The joke has stuck because it speaks to a central fact driving the debate over whether Scotland should vote for independence from the United Kingdom: There is a vast ideological chasm between Scotland, whose political center of

and is now in a governing coalition with the centrist Liberal Democrats. Even before the independence vote, Scotland is pursuing a very different course from the central government in London, thanks to earlier agreements that granted it considerable freedom to pursue its own policies. Scots enjoy several benefits that are more generous than those available in England, some of them free, in areas including home health care for the elderly, university tuition, medical prescriptions and bus travel for retirees.

The Scottish National Party, which controls the Scottish government and supports independence, wants to

ue of coming together to provide public services, to acknowledge the strength of community in Scotland," said Nicola Sturgeon, Scotland's deputy first minister. This, she said in an interview, is "reflected in some of the different policy choices," adding that Scotland could learn still more from Nordic social democracies. Even some political opponents of Scottish independence agree that a divergence is underway, including Henry McLeish, a former first minister, or head of the Scottish government.

As a member of the Labour Party, which opposes independence, McLeish says he will vote against secession next month, but that a

and the European Union. Some suggest that the political differences between the two countries are exaggerated. A study by two academics, John Curtice and Rachel Ormston, concluded that although Scotland was more social-democratic in outlook than England, "the differences are modest at best." Others contend that the divide is not between Scotland and England but between the south of England and the rest of Britain. Politically, Scotland has more in common with the north of England than London does, they say. And some argue that Scottish government policies like free university tuition benefit the





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Spain; 3rd place Slalom Youth at PWA World Cup, Fuerte Ventura, Spain. The young sailor is participated this weekend, Aug 16/17 at Aruba Regatta and is leaving next week for the 4th PWA World Cup in Alacati, Turkey. After Alacati, Ethan Westera will concentrate on his final school year at Colegio Arubano and the trainings of RS-X Olympic windsurf, with the dream of qualifying for RIO 2016. □



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Manager, where she was responsible for the coordination of all aspects of local and international PR, eCommerce, Social Media and Food & Beverage marketing execution at the resort. In her new position, she will be responsible for eCommerce activation of 11 Caribbean and Costa Rica full service hotels and resorts. The Aruba Marriott family wishes Keirsin the best of luck, as she embarks on her new adventure. ☐





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In this Aug. 26, 2013, file photo, Rafael Nadal, of Spain, returns a shot to Ryan Harrison during the first round of the 2013 U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York.  
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## Steve Ballmer debuts as L.A. Clippers owner

**BETH HARRIS**  
AP Sports Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Sweating, clapping and shouting until he was nearly hoarse, Steve Ballmer introduced himself to Los Angeles Clippers fans at a rally on Monday celebrating his new ownership of the NBA team. The former Microsoft CEO made his way through the crowd inside Staples Center to Eminem's song "Lose Yourself," exchanging high-fives and chest-bumping as

he took the stage in front of 4,500 fans. Ballmer paid a record \$2 billion for the team in a sale that was confirmed by a judge last week. The name of disgraced former owner Donald Sterling, who controlled the team for 33 years before being banned for life by the NBA for racist remarks, was never uttered during the rally. "We're looking forward," Ballmer proclaimed, having removed his blue Clippers hat. "Everything is about

looking forward." Ballmer's fervor was in stark contrast to Sterling, who never spoke to the media and was famously frugal when it came to spending on the team during decades of losing — despite having amassed a fortune through real estate. "Today is about this other guy who just happened to have two billion dollars in his pocket," coach Doc Rivers joked on stage.

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New Los Angeles Clippers owner Steve Ballmer, right, laughs while listening to head coach Doc Rivers during a news conference held after the Clippers Fan Festival on Monday, Aug. 18, 2014, in Los Angeles. Ballmer paid a record \$2 billion for the team in a sale that was confirmed by a judge

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# Simms, Dungy likely not to use 'Redskins' on TV

By **BARRY WILNER**

**AP Pro Football Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** - Two influential NFL voices - including CBS lead analyst Phil Simms, who will handle Washington's Week 4 game - said Monday they likely won't use the term "Redskins" when discussing the franchise.

"My very first thought is it will be Washington the whole game," Simms told The Associated Press on Monday.

Simms will work the Thursday night package the network acquired this season and will have Giants-Redskins on Sept. 25. He isn't taking sides in the debate over whether Washington's nickname is offensive or racist. But he says he is sensitive to the complaints about the name, and his instincts now are to not use Redskins in his announcing.

"I never really thought about it, and then it came up and it made me think about it," Simms added. "There are a lot of things that can come up in a broadcast, and I am sensitive to this."

His broadcast partner, Jim Nantz, says it is "not my job to take a stance."

NBC's Tony Dungy, one of the most prominent voices in the league as a Super

Bowl-winning coach and now as a studio commentator, plans to take the same route as Simms.

"I will personally try not to use Redskins and refer to them as Washington," Dungy said in an email. "Personal opinion for me, not the network."

CBS is allowing its announcers to decide on their own whether to call the team the Redskins. So is Fox, which handles the NFC and will televise most of Washington's games.

"As long as their nickname is the Redskins, I'll continue to call them the Redskins," said Hall of Famer Troy Aikman, the lead analyst for Fox.

NBC does not have any Redskins games scheduled - the late-season flex scheduling could change that - but the team certainly will be mentioned on its NFL telecasts this season. The network said "For all of our sports properties, our on-air commentators have full discretion to reference participating teams by their city/region/state name, team nickname or both."

ESPN said in a statement: "We use the marks and nicknames as utilized by the teams, leagues and conferences we cover."



These are file photos showing, from left, Phil Simms, Jim Nantz, and Washington Redskins NFL football team owner Daniel Snyder.

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The Redskins' nickname was the subject of a half-time essay by NBC's Bob Costas last October when Washington played Dallas on Sunday night. In part, Costas said, "Think for a moment about the term 'Redskins,' and how it truly differs from all the others. Ask yourself what the equivalent would be, if directed toward African-Americans, Hispanics, Asians, or members of any other ethnic group. When considered that way, 'Redskins' can't possibly honor a heritage, or noble character trait, nor can it possibly be considered a neutral term. It's an insult, a slur, no matter how benign the present-day intent."

Several CBS announcers, appearing at a network news conference about its NFL coverage, said they will use the nickname.

"That's the name of their team and that's what I am going to use," said Boomer Esiason, a member of the CBS studio crew and also an analyst for Westwood One on Monday night games.

Spero Dedes and Solomon Wilcotts will call the second game of the season when the Redskins host Jacksonville. Dedes said he will seek direction from the entire broadcast crew on using the nickname.

"I sympathize with people who may be offended by the name," Dedes said.

Wilcotts said he will use "Washington Redskins as long as that is what they are called. That's their official name and I used it last year, two years ago, 10 years ago."

Rich Gannon, the NFL's MVP in 2002 with the Raiders, spent one season playing for the Redskins. He now announces games for CBS. "There are so many Redskins fans that take great pride in the name," Gannon said. "(Owner) Daniel Snyder has said he's talked and visited with (many) American Indian nations who are supportive of the name. And there are those who oppose it who are being heard. It's an important topic."

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"I asked him are you sure it went through and he said, 'I know my bank account is minus two billion so I know something went through.'" Ballmer gave out his email address during the televised rally and was quick to assure fans he won't move the team to Seattle, where he's lived for 34 years. He was nearly an NBA owner last year before league owners chose to keep the Kings in Sacramento, rather than allow them to be sold to a group that included Ballmer and moved to Seattle.

"I love Los Angeles," he said. "Yes, I live in Seattle.



We're not moving the Clippers to Seattle for a hundred reasons."

Ballmer used a microphone, but his booming voice easily filled the arena without it. He prowled the stage and gestured to make his points in the enthusiastic style he was known for among

Microsoft employees.

"We're going to be bold. Bold means taking chances," he said. "We're going to be optimistic. We're going to be hardcore. Nothing gets in our way, boom! The hard-core Clippers, that's us."

Chris Paul, Blake Griffin and

DeAndre Jordan were among eight players on hand, along with Rivers, who guided the Clippers to 57 wins last season, his first with the team.

"When he came through the crowd, I literally had goose bumps," Griffin said afterward. "I don't know if there's one good word to describe him. I know all our guys are excited about the energy he brings. It's completely different."

Ballmer took a few emailed questions from season ticketholders, including a 26-year fan who asked how the next 26 years of the franchise would be different.

"I'll boldly say the Clippers will win many, many more Larrys in the next 26 years

than they did in the last 26," he said, referring to the Larry O'Brien trophy that goes to the NBA champion. Rivers clearly got a kick out of Ballmer's passionate display, cracking up at his new boss' proclamations after having previously seen him only on YouTube. "I love energy," Rivers said later. "You get caught up in that and that's good. That was great for our fans."

Interim CEO Dick Parsons testified during the court battle over the team's sale that Rivers would quit if Sterling was the owner going into next season.

"Sometimes you do have to take a stand," Rivers said. "I didn't think I was going to have to (quit), but a lot of us were willing to for sure."





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## Nadal won't defend U.S. Open title because of wrist

HOWARD FENDRICH  
AP Tennis Writer

Reigning champion Rafael Nadal pulled out of the U.S. Open because of an injury for the second time in three years Monday, leaving Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer as the men to beat at the year's last Grand Slam tournament.

Nadal announced his withdrawal, blamed on a bad right wrist, one week before play begins at Flushing Meadows.

"I am sure you understand that it is a very tough moment for me since it is a tournament I love and where I have great memories from fans, the night matches, so many things," a posting on Nadal's Facebook page read. "Not much more I can do right now, other than accept the situation and, as always in my case, work hard in order to be able to compete at the highest level once I am back."

The second-ranked Nadal plays left-handed, but he uses a two-handed backhand.

The 14-time major champion was hurt July 29 while practicing on his home island of Mallorca ahead of the North American hard-court circuit. The next day, Nadal announced he needed to wear a cast on his wrist for two to three weeks and would be sitting out tournaments in Toronto and Cincinnati.

The 28-year-old Spaniard also said at that time he expected to return for the U.S. Open.

Instead, he's the fourth man in the Open era, which began in 1968, to decline to try to defend his U.S. Open title. The others were Ken Rosewall in 1971, Pete Sampras in 2003 and Juan Martin del Potro in

2010. Del Potro also is out of this year's U.S. Open after wrist surgery in March.

Nadal is 44-8 with four titles in 2014, including his record ninth French Open trophy in June. He has not competed since losing in the fourth round of Wimbledon on July 1.

With Nadal sidelined, five-time U.S. Open champion Federer joins Djokovic as a favorite in New York — even if there are questions about them.

Federer turned 33 this month, and it's been more than two years since he won one of his record 17 Grand Slam titles. But he is coming off a runner-up finish at Wimbledon last month and a hard-court title at the Cincinnati Masters on Sunday.

After beating David Ferrer 6-3, 1-6, 6-2 on Sunday, Federer declared: "My game's exactly where I want it to be."

Djokovic won Wimbledon to take the No. 1 ranking from Nadal, but had a rough time on hard courts, losing his second match in both Toronto and Cincinnati.

Still, Djokovic will be seeded No. 1 at the U.S. Open, and the third-ranked Federer is expected to rise one seeding spot to No. 2, so they could meet only in the final. The draw is Thursday.

Federer reached six consecutive finals at Flushing Meadows from 2004-09, but hasn't been that far since, losing in the semifinals in 2010 and 2011, the quarterfinals in 2012, and the fourth round a year ago, when he was dealing with a bothersome back.

Nadal won his second U.S. Open championship in 2013, part of a run of reaching the final in each of his last three appearances. He



In this Sept. 9, 2013, file photo, Rafael Nadal, of Spain, reacts after defeating Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, during the men's singles final of the 2013 U.S. Open tennis tournament. Nadal will not defend his title at the U.S. Open because of an injured right wrist.

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beat Djokovic to win the titles in 2010 and last year, and lost to Djokovic in 2011. The one question about Nadal over the years has been his durability, on account of a hard-charging,

play-each-point-as-if-it's-your-last style.

He did not enter the U.S. Open in 2012, part of an extended absence because of a problem with his left knee.

And this will be the second time Nadal chose to not attempt a defense of a major title: A year after winning Wimbledon in 2008, he missed that tournament with knee tendinitis. □

## Bouchard rolls past Jovanovski at New Haven

**NEW HAVEN, Connecticut (AP)** — Eugenie Bouchard of Canada needed only 52 minutes to beat Serbia's Bojana Jovanovski 6-1, 6-1 Monday in the first round of at the Connecticut Open. The third-seeded Bouchard led 5-0 in each set against the unseeded Jovanovski. Seventh-seeded Sara Errani of Italy was eliminated by Garbine Muguruza of Spain 6-2, 3-6, 6-1. It was the third loss in the last four matches for Errani, who has been knocked out in the first round in two of her last three tournaments. Muguruza lost in straight sets to

Errani at the 2012 U.S. Open in their only other meeting. Samantha Stosur of Australia earned a 7-6 (8), 6-7 (10), 6-2 victory over Kurumi Nara of Japan. Stosur, who won the U.S. Open in 2011, blew three match points in the second set tiebreaker and let another match point get away before winning on her fifth chance. Stosur was given a wild card into the Connecticut Open.

Qualifier Shuai Pen of China beat Elina Svitolina of the Ukraine 6-4, 6-3, and Barbora Strycova of the Czech Republic

defeated qualifier Belinda Bencic of Switzerland 6-4, 5-7, 6-3.

Unseeded Carla Suarez-Navarro of Spain withdrew from the tournament because of a gastrointestinal illness. She was replaced by lucky loser Caroline Garcia of France, who beat qualifier Irina Carmelia Begu of Romania 7-6 (4), 7-6 (4).

Wild card entrant Kirsten Flipkens of Belgium beat qualifier Misaki Doi of Japan 6-3, 4-6, 6-2. Unseeded Magdalena Rybarikova of Slovakia defeated qualifier Silvia Soler-Espinosa of Spain 6-4, 6-3. □



# Cuddyer hits for cycle as Rockies sweep Reds

**DENVER (AP)** — Michael Cuddyer hit for the cycle, including a two-run double in Colorado's five-run eighth inning, as the Rockies beat the Cincinnati Reds 10-5 on Sunday to complete a doubleheader sweep. Colorado won the opener 10-9 when Drew Stubbs capped a five-run ninth inning with a three-run homer off J.J. Hoover (1-9).

Cuddyer tripled in the first, homered in the fifth and singled in the seventh while becoming the seventh Rockies player to hit for the cycle and first since Carlos Gonzalez on July 31, 2010, against the Chicago Cubs. Cuddyer's second career cycle came in his second game back after he was sidelined by a left shoulder injury.

Adam Ottavino (1-4) picked up the win in relief and Carlos Contreras (0-1) took the loss.

Rex Brothers (4-5) picked up the victory in the opener despite allowing a pair of runs in the top of the ninth.

## **BREWERS 7, DODGERS 2**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Jonathan Lucroy equaled a season high with five RBIs, including his first home run

in more than three weeks, as the Brewers completed a three-game sweep.

Wily Peralta (15-7) tied Johnny Cueto and Adam Wainwright for the major league lead in victories, allowing five hits in six scoreless innings. The right-hander is 6-1 with a 1.79 ERA in his last seven starts.

Carlos Gomez hit his 20th homer, helping the Brewers maintain their three-game lead over St. Louis in the NL Central. They also became the first team to sweep the NL West-leading Dodgers in a series of three or more games this season. Dodgers right-hander Dan Haren (10-10) gave up six runs and five hits over three innings in his shortest outing of the season.

## **BRAVES 4, ATHLETICS 3**

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Justin Upton hit a two-run homer as the Braves ended Jon Lester's seven-game winning streak.

The Braves swept the three-game series, leaving the A's with a five-game losing streak, their longest of the season. The A's have lost seven of eight overall and trail the Angels, who lost to Texas on Sunday, by percentage points in the AL



Colorado Rockies' Michael Cuddyer swings at a pitch against the Cincinnati Reds in the third inning of a baseball game in Denver, Sunday, Aug. 17, 2014.

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West.

Oakland's Nate Freiman hit two homers, giving him three in the series, but Mike Minor (5-8) allowed only two other hits in seven strong innings.

Lester (13-8) allowed four runs, three earned, and six hits in six-plus innings in his first loss since June 7 for the Red Sox at Detroit.

Craig Kimbrel worked a perfect ninth for his 37th save.

## **NATIONALS 6, PIRATES 5, 11 INNINGS**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Pinch-hitter Scott Hairston drove in Jayson Werth with a game-ending sacrifice fly, sending Washington to a three-game sweep.

Werth, who had missed the last five games with a bothersome shoulder, entered as a pinch hitter in the ninth and doubled leading off the 11th against Brandon Cumpton (3-4).

Werth went to third on Denard Span's grounder to first. Hairston then sent Cumpton's first pitch to deep left and Werth scored easily.

Ross Detwiler (2-2) pitched two innings for the win.

NL East-leading Washington has won six straight. The Pirates have lost five in a row for the first time since September 2012.

## **MARLINS 10, DIAMONDBACKS 3**

**MIAMI (AP)** — Giancarlo

Stanton hit his 32nd homer and drove in four runs to power Miami to the win. Stanton has a career-high 88 RBIs, one more than he had in 2011. He went 7 for 14 with four walks and six RBIs in the four-game series against Arizona.

Garrett Jones also homered for the Marlins, who have won five of seven to get back to the .500 mark at 62-62. Tom Koehler (9-9) pitched six innings, allowing two runs. Stanton hit a three-run homer and Jones also connected in the first against Josh Collmenter (8-7). Arizona's Ender Inciarte extended his hitting streak to 17 games with a bunt single in the sixth. □

# Column: Grief gives no timetable on Stewart return

**JENNA FRYER**

**AP Auto Racing Writer**

**CHARLOTTE, North Carolina**

**(AP)** — There are hundreds of guidebooks on how to handle grief, how to navigate the emotional suffering that follows a significant loss.

None of those studies offer a clean timetable on when the roller coaster of emotion will come to a stop. So there is no timetable on when Tony Stewart will get back into a race car.

The three-time NASCAR champion has skipped two races since his car struck and killed Kevin Ward Jr. during an Aug. 9 sprint



In this May 22, 2014, file photo, Tony Stewart, left, talks with Kevin Harvick before qualifying for a NASCAR Sprint Cup series auto race at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C.

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car race. His Stewart-Haas Racing team will not pressure him to return, and wins and trophies and a berth in the Chase for the Sprint

Cup championship have all been put into perspective in a sport in which the show always goes on.

"The Chase is of the lowest

priority as it relates to Tony right now," said Brett Froom, executive vice president at SHR. "Right now it's about getting Tony in a better place than he is. When he's ready to do that, he'll get back in the car."

Stewart has been in seclusion since Ward's death, his whereabouts undisclosed. He's been described as heartbroken, devastated for Ward's family and overcome by the outpouring of behind-the-scenes support he's received from the NASCAR community. But very few people have spoken to Stewart, who seems to be grieving away

from many he's close to at the track. Kevin Harvick, his longtime friend and teammate, said Sunday he's not spoken to Stewart. Nor had Rick Hendrick, one of the most steadying voices in NASCAR and a mentor to many, including Stewart. Dr. Joseph R. Ferrari, a social psychologist at DePaul University, said Stewart could be acting on the advice of legal counsel, or simply struggling through a tricky emotional process. "Does he feel guilt or shame? I think that's what is going on," Ferrari said.

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# Royals score 7 in 2nd, earn 20th win in 25

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**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Alex Gordon, Salvador Perez and Josh Willingham homered as the Royals won for the 20th time in their last 25 games. Kansas City sent 11 batters to the plate and scored seven times in the second, keyed by two-run singles for Alcides Escobar and Nori Aoki. The Royals also increased their AL Central lead to 1 1/2 games over Detroit, which lost 8-1 to Seattle.

Kansas City's Jeremy Guthrie (9-10) returned to the mound after a 54-minute rain delay in the fourth and lasted seven innings.

Joe Mauer, Kennys Vargas and Oswaldo Arcia homered for Minnesota. Tommy Milone (6-4) allowed seven runs in a career-low 1 1-3 innings.

## YANKEES 4, RAYS 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP) — Hiroki Kuroda pitched neatly into the seventh inning and Brett Gardner

drove in two runs to lead the Yankees to the road win. Kuroda (8-8) retired 17 straight batters after allowing consecutive one-out singles to Ben Zobrist and Matt Joyce in the first. He gave up two runs and four hits in 6 2-3 innings.

After Shawn Kelley and Dellin Betances combined for 1 1-3 scoreless innings, David Robertson closed for his 33rd save.

Tampa Bay's Jeremy Hellickson (1-2) gave up three runs and four hits in five innings. Evan Longoria had two RBIs for the Rays. Mark Teixeira reached 20 homers for the 11th time in his career with a solo shot in the Yankees eighth.

## ORIOLES 4, INDIANS 1

CLEVELAND (AP) — Rookie Kevin Gausman pitched six strong innings as Baltimore salvaged the series finale, beating Cleveland to avoid being swept for the first time since May.

Gausman (7-4) allowed just

one run and two hits. Zach Britton finished the combined two-hitter for his 26th save.

The AL East leaders totaled just one run in their previous two games. J.J. Hardy hit a two-out RBI single and slumping Chris Davis had an RBI double in the sixth after Baltimore was blanked over the first five by Danny Salazar (4-6).

Steve Pearce and Jonathan Schoop homered for Baltimore.

## MARINERS 8, TIGERS 1

DETROIT (AP) — Chris Young pitched six shutout innings as Seattle won the weekend series, moving back ahead of Detroit in the race for the second AL wild-card spot.

Seattle's Lloyd McClendon, managing his first series in Detroit after serving as Jim Leyland's hitting coach, was ejected for the second straight game. McClendon was tossed for arguing after Detroit's Alex Avila drew



Kansas City Royals' Alex Gordon, front center, is congratulated by Billy Butler, left, and Josh Willingham, right, after his two-run home run off Minnesota Twins relief pitcher Caleb Thielbar during the fifth inning of a baseball game in Minneapolis, Sunday, Aug. 17, 2014. The Royals won 12-6.

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a seventh-inning walk.

Young (12-6) allowed four hits and a walk. Tigers rookie Robbie Ray (1-3) struggled while replacing injured Anibal Sanchez.

## RANGERS 3, ANGELS 2

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Adam Rosales and Mike Carp hit RBI singles in the ninth inning off Angels closer Huston Street, rallying Texas.

Texas had lost four in a row overall, and nine straight

to the Angels. Los Angeles had won its last four games. Street (1-1) had saved the first two games of the three-game series. In other AL games it was Baltimore 4, Cleveland 1; Seattle 8, Detroit 1; Houston 8, Boston 1; N.Y. Yankees 4, Tampa Bay 2; Kansas City 12, Minnesota 6; Chicago White Sox 7, Toronto 5; Texas 3, L.A. Angels 2; and Atlanta 4, Oakland 3. scoreless ninth inning. □

## Stewart

"There's a difference between shame and guilt and people often confuse this. With guilt, you've done some moral offense, you've done something to really offend somebody, and you say 'I've done something wrong.'

"Shame-prone people, they will begin to devalue themselves and begin to examine their character, wonder, 'What a terrible person I am.' It could be so bad, so demoralizing, that he just isn't ready to come back."

Dr. Charles Figley, a psychologist at Tulane University, believes Stewart is likely suffering symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder. But he believed taking time away from racing is helping Stewart heal, and likened Stewart's situation to that of war medics who seek isolation while struggling with combat.

"Everybody needs to be able to focus inward — if

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you go back to work, it's almost like nothing has happened and you are hoping people will forget," Figley said.

"He is taking this seriously. Staying away indicates this is a very serious thing that causes him to reflect to the very core."

Nobody in the NASCAR community doubts Stewart is suffering. You could walk from one end of the garage to the other listening to stories of Stewart's generosity and willingness to help in an emergency. He's gifted cash to a crew member who had an unexpected and urgent need, sent his plane to pick up family members of a stricken employee, scrambled to get someone home in time for the birth of a child. When someone in NASCAR needs an immediate favor, they go to Stewart, who always says yes.

Stewart won the Nationwide Series race at Dayto-

na in 2013 when a last-lap crash sent Kyle Larson's car into the fence and the debris shower injured dozens of fans. He had an appropriate and muted reaction in Victory Lane: "The important thing is what's going on on the frontstretch right now," he said upon climbing from his car. "This is a dangerous sport. We assume that risk, and it's hard when the fans get caught up in it."

Two days later, after finishing 41st in the Daytona 500, he visited all the fans still hospitalized from the crash. Many said Stewart cried with them.

Stewart, like the late Dale Earnhardt, doesn't talk about his softer side. He never spoke publicly about that hospital visit in Daytona, or the firesuits and helmets he's given to sprint car racers, or the money he's doled out to struggling drivers in need of a break. But those who know him and have seen his compassion talk of that Stewart,



Mourners gather after a funeral for race car driver Kevin Ward Jr. outside South Lewis Central School, Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014, in Turin, N.Y.

Associated Press

not the helmet-throwing grizzly bear who also has a storied history of sparring with reporters.

"Everybody in this garage knows Tony. Tony doesn't beat his chest and talk about the things he does for people. We know it, we see it, but nobody else does," said Jeff Burton,

who replaced Stewart on Sunday. "Earnhardt was like that. Earnhardt didn't want anybody to know the things he did for people."

"A lot of people only know Tony because he threw a helmet. They only know Tony because he got mad. I just hate people jump to conclusions." □



# Adams scores 18 points, Stars beat Sky 84-72

**The Associated Press**

**ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP)** — ROSEMONT, Illinois (AP) — Danielle Adams led a balanced offense with 18 points and 11 rebounds as the San Antonio Stars beat the Chicago Sky 84-72 in the regular-season finale for both teams Sunday. The Stars and Sky had already clinched playoff berths, and Chicago opted to rest three regulars: Elena Delle Donne, Sylvia Fowles and Epiphanny Prince. However, 16-year veteran Becky Hammon was on the court for San Antonio in her final regular-season WNBA game and finished with four assists in 10 minutes. Jia Perkins scored 13 points while Shenise Johnson and Kayla McBride each added 12 for San Antonio (16-18).

The Stars pulled into a tie for third place with Los Angeles in the Western Conference, but earned the No. 3 seed in the playoffs because they won the season series from the Sparks. San Antonio will face defending champion Minnesota in the first round. Courtney Clements led Chicago (15-19) with 17 points, while Allie Quigley added 16. The Sky finished fourth in the East and will face first-place Atlanta in the first round.

LIBERTY 73, FEVER 61



Seattle Storm WNBA basketball team guard Tanisha Wright waves to fans after the Phoenix Mercury defeated the Storm 78-65, Sunday, Aug. 17, 2014 in Seattle.

**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Plenette Pierson scored 15 points and Anna Cruz added 10 to help New York close a disappointing season with its second straight win.

With the second seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs already clinched, Indiana rested star Tamika Catchings along with starters Erlana Larkins and Briann January. The Fever (16-18) will open up the playoffs at home against Washington.

New York finished the season fifth in the East.

The Liberty (15-19) started out the year with high expectations after the draft day trade for Tina Charles. The season ended in disappointing fashion for the second straight year with the Liberty missing the playoffs.

Rookie Maggie Lucas scored a season-high 17 points to lead the Fever. SUN 84, DREAM 55

**UNCASVILLE, Connecticut (AP)** — Alex Bentley had 19 points and four assists as Connecticut wrapped up its season with a rout of first-

place Atlanta.

Angel McCoughtry scored 10 point for the Dream (19-15), who had already clinched the top seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Atlanta will host Chicago in the opener of their first-round series on Friday night. Chiney Ogwumike had 14 points and seven rebounds and fellow rookie Alyssa Thomas added 13 points and four assists for the Sun (13-21), who will miss the playoffs for the second straight season.

Bentley scored six points during a 10-0 run to give Connecticut an early 19-9 lead.

**MERCURY 78, STORM 65 SEATTLE (AP)** — Brittney Griner had 18 points and 10 rebounds as the Phoenix Mercury set a WNBA record with their 29th win, beating Seattle in the season finale. Candice Dupree added 16 points to help Phoenix (29-5) top the previous mark set by Los Angeles (28-4 in both 2000 and 2001) and Seattle (28-6 in 2010). Penny Taylor and Erin Phillips scored 11 points apiece.

The Mercury, who have home-court advantage throughout the playoffs, will host Los Angeles in Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinals on Friday.

Crystal Langhorne scored 16 points to lead Seattle (12-22), which will miss the playoffs for the first time since 2003.

Phoenix didn't give up the lead after scoring the first six points of the game. They were up 56-49 entering the fourth quarter, and extended the margin to 12 with 8:40 left. Seattle didn't closer than nine after that. In other WNBA games it was Connecticut 84, Atlanta 55; San Antonio 84, Chicago 72; New York 73, Indiana 61; and Phoenix 78, Seattle 65. □

## Goffin upsets Melzer in 1<sup>st</sup> round at Winston-Salem

**WINSTON-SALEM, North Carolina (AP)** — Belgian qualifier David Goffin extended his winning streak to 23 matches Monday when he beat defending champion Jurgen Melzer of Austria 6-3, 6-4 in the first round of the Winston-Salem Open, a tuneup for next week's U.S. Open. Goffin won his first ATP Tour title last month in Kitzbuhel, Austria. He lost in the first round to Andy Murray at Wimbledon and then won ATP Challenger Tour events in the Netherlands, Poland and Finland. "At the beginning of the

summer, I didn't expect these results," said Goffin, who will face Argentina's Leonardo Mayer in the second round. "Now, I'm still continuing to win. I'm pretty happy with the way I'm playing at the moment. What can I say?"

After ending the month by winning in Austria, Goffin — whose world ranking has climbed from 106th to 62nd during the run — won back-to-back qualifying matches in straight sets to make the main draw for the Winston-Salem Open.

"The conditions were tough today — the humidity

made for a really difficult match," said Goffin, who lost to Melzer in four sets in the opening round of the French Open last May. "After the first set, I think he was really frustrated. He started making some mistakes. I took my chances, and it turned out really well."

Later, Sam Querrey of the United States got two key services breaks to beat Spain's Pere Riba 7-6 (7-5), 6-4. Querrey, who had advanced to the semifinals the last two years, will next face fellow American Steve Johnson in the second round. □

## MLS Roundup Silva scores twice, United tops Rapids 4-2

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Luis Silva scored either side of halftime to lead D.C. United to a 4-2 win over the Colorado Rapids in Major League Soccer on Sunday. Silva gathered a Taylor Kemp pass in the 11th minute before beating Drew Moor and chipping a shot over Clint Irwin for the early lead.

Colorado equalized in the 52nd minute when Dillon Serna's long-range shot surprised goalkeeper Bill

Hamid, but Silva put United ahead again in the 67th with a half-volley just outside of the box off a pass from Sean Franklin.

United made it 3-1 in the 82nd minute when Chris Wolfe slipped a shot past a diving Irwin and Fabian Espindola tacked on his eighth goal of the season five minutes later, a left-foot blast from the top of the box.

Deshorn Brown scored in extra time for Colorado. □



# Government wants to make cars talk to each other

JOAN LOWY

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Obama administration said Monday it is taking a first step toward requiring that future cars and light trucks be equipped with technology that enables them to warn each other of potential danger in time to avoid collisions.

A research report released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that the technology could eventually prevent as many as 592,000 left-turn and intersection crashes a year, saving 1,083 lives. The agency said it will begin drafting rules to require the technology in new vehicles.

The technology uses a radio signal to continually transmit a vehicle's position, heading, speed and other information. Similarly equipped cars and trucks would receive the same information, and their computers would alert drivers to an impending collision. A car would "see" when another car or truck equipped with the same technology was about to run a red light, even if that vehicle were hidden around a corner. A car would also know when a car several vehicles ahead in a line of traffic had made a sudden stop and alert the driver even before the brake lights of the vehicle directly in front illuminate. The technology works up to about 300 yards (275



This May 22, 2012 file photo shows a demonstration of a side mirror warning signal in a Ford Taurus at an automobile testing area in Oxon Hill, Md. Associated Press

meters) away.

If communities choose to invest in the technology, roadways and traffic lights could start talking to cars, as well, sending warnings of traffic congestion or road hazards ahead in time for drivers to take a detour.

The technology is separate from automated safety features using sensors and radar that are already being built into some high-end vehicles today and which are seen as the basis for future self-driving cars. But government and industry officials see the two technologies as compatible. If continuous conversations

between cars make driving safer, then self-driving cars would become safer as well.

Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx called the vehicle-to-vehicle technology "the next great advance in saving lives."

"This technology could move us from helping people survive crashes to helping them avoid crashes altogether — saving lives, saving money and even saving fuel thanks to the widespread benefits it offers," Foxx said.

It will take time for the technology to reach its full effectiveness since the current fleet of vehicles on the

road will have to turn over or be retrofitted. Once a critical mass of vehicles is equipped with the technology, they are expected to be able to follow each other safely at a close, preset distance on highways. Such "platoons" or "road trains" hold the potential to enhance the flow of traffic and save fuel.

The information sent between vehicles does not identify those vehicles, but merely contains basic safety data, NHTSA said. "The system as contemplated contains several layers of security and privacy protection to ensure that vehicles can rely on messages

sent from other vehicles," the agency said.

Adding the technology to new vehicles or retrofitting existing ones is expected to cost about \$341 to \$350 per vehicle in 2020, but could decrease by more than \$100 over time as manufacturers gain experience making the devices, the safety administration report said.

The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers and the Association of Global Automakers praised the technology, but avoided commenting directly on the government's intention to require the technology in new cars. Instead, both groups urged the Federal Communications Commission to preserve the 5.9 GHz radio frequency for vehicle-to-vehicle communications.

The frequency was initially expected to be dedicated to transportation technologies, but the commission has said it is exploring whether that frequency can be used for other wireless demands as well.

"We understand the pressing need for additional spectrum and are open to sharing this spectrum if it can be done safely," said Gloria Bergquist, vice president for the alliance. "We continue to urge the FCC not to compromise the use of the spectrum until it is definitively established that sharing will not interfere with the safety of the driving public." □

## Report: NSA eyed preset strikes in cyberattacks

JACK GILLUM

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The National Security Agency secretly planned a cyberwarfare program that could automatically fire back at cyberattacks from foreign countries without any human involvement, creating the risk of accidentally starting a war, according to a new report based on interviews with former NSA contractor Edward Snowden.

The program, code-named MonsterMind, would have let the military

agency automate the process of "hunting for the beginnings" of a foreign cyberattack, the report said. The software would be constantly on the lookout for digital "traffic patterns" that indicated known or suspected attacks, said the report published this week by Wired magazine.

The report, part of a wide-ranging interview with Snowden in Moscow, described the MonsterMind program as "in the works" and went further than other programs that ex-

isted for decades. Without any human involvement, Snowden told the magazine, a counter-attack could be leveled at an innocent party — largely because initial attacks are often routed or diverted through other countries.

"You could have someone sitting in China, for example, making it appear that one of these attacks is originating in Russia. And then we end up shooting back at a Russian hospital," Snowden said. "What happens next?"

The problem of attribution

after a cyberattack has long unsettled computer security experts. A House technology subcommittee in 2010 concluded that, "proactively tracing interactions within a system may help determine where an attack originated after one occurs, but tracing every interaction is impractical and quite likely unconstitutional."

Snowden also called the program a major threat to privacy because NSA would first "have to secretly get access to virtually all private communi-

cations coming in from overseas to people in the U.S.," said the new report, by NSA expert and author James Bamford.

Snowden remains exiled in Russia since leaking top secret NSA documents to journalists last year. They revealed the NSA was collecting the phone records and digital communications of millions of citizens not suspected of a crime, prompting congressional reform.

The NSA declined to comment on specifics of the Wired report. □



# Wall Street gains on corporate deal news

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**AP Markets Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Corporate deal news gave the US stock market a lift on Monday as a bidding contest erupted for a discount retailer. Stocks also climbed amid reports of diplomatic efforts to broker a cease-fire in the conflict in Ukraine.

Dollar General jumped after making a bid for re-

come skittish on concerns that the tensions between Russia and Ukraine were escalating.

"Investors are focusing back on earnings and fundamentals and not as worried about some of those geopolitical pressures right now," said Chris Gaffney, a senior market strategist at Everbank Wealth Management. The S&P 500 rose 16.68 points, or 0.9 per-

mended buying Dollar General's stock, saying that the company could benefit from significantly higher earnings following the acquisition. Family Dollar, the target of the bid, also jumped on the news, climbing \$3.75, or 5 percent, to \$79.81. Dollar Tree fell \$1.34, or 2 percent, to \$54.26. Airline stocks were among the gainers as well after the price of oil fell to

and corporate earnings remain strong. Earnings growth in the second quarter was 10.2 percent for companies in the S&P 500, compared to 4.9 percent in the same period a year ago and 3.4 percent in the first quarter, according to data from S&P Capital IQ. Later this week investors will focus the Federal Reserve. Policy makers are winding down their economic stimulus and will likely start to raise interest rates at some point next year.

On Wednesday, the Fed will release the minutes from its July policy meeting and on Friday Fed Chair Janet Yellen will give a speech at an annual conference of central bankers, policy experts and academics from around the world at Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Yellen is expected to reaffirm her position in a speech Friday that slack remains in the labor market and that the Fed will keep monetary policy loose to address the problem, said Katie Nixon, chief investment officer for Wealth Management at Northern Trust.

"The Federal Reserve is in no hurry to raise rates," said Nixon. "We expect more of the same and think it will be very supportive to financial markets." Monster Beverage was the biggest decliner in the S&P 500. The stock fell \$5.05, or 5 percent, to \$88.44 after analysts at Jefferies cut their rating on the stock from "buy" to "hold." Monster surged Friday after Coca-Cola said it was buying a 16.7 percent stake in the company. The analysts at Jefferies say that Monster's stock may now be fully valued after the gain. □



**Nico Li demonstrates a ribbon dance as she visits the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Corporate deal news gave the US stock market a lift on Monday as a bidding contest erupted for a discount retailer. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)**

tailer Family Dollar, a rival discount store. The offer topped a bid made last month by Dollar Tree, another discount retailer. Airlines were also among the big gainers as the price of oil slumped.

The stock market is bouncing back after a bout of summer volatility pushed the Standard & Poor's 500 down earlier this month to its lowest level since May. The index is now less than 1 percent below its record close of 1,987 reached on July 24. Investors had be-

cent, to 1,971.74. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 175.83 points, or 1.1 percent, to 16,838.74. The Nasdaq composite gained 43.39 points, or 1 percent, to 4,508.31.

Dollar General was the biggest gainer in the S&P 500. The company's stock rose \$6.68, or 11.6 percent, to \$64.14 after it made a \$8.95 billion bid to buy Family Dollar. That's higher than the \$8.5 billion bid that Dollar Tree made for Family Dollar last month.

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its lowest level since April as fears of supply disruptions from Iraq eased. Fuel is a big component of airlines' costs. Southwest Airlines rose \$1.06, or 4 percent, to \$30.82. United Continental climbed \$1.83, also 4 percent, to \$47.84.

Despite the increased volatility caused by the tensions in Ukraine and elsewhere, stocks are still an attractive investment, said Dan Curtin, a global investment specialist for JPMorgan Private Bank.

Inflation remains and low

## New York: deal with consultant PWC reached

**BEN PROTESS**

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New York state's financial regulator announced a settlement deal Monday with the giant consulting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers, capping an investigation into the firm's cozy ties with one of the world's biggest banks.

The regulator, Benjamin M. Lawskey, extracted a \$25 million fine from PricewaterhouseCoopers. Under the deal, reported by The New York Times on Sunday, Lawskey will also bar the firm's regulatory consulting unit from performing certain assignments on behalf of New York-regulated banks for two years.

The settlement stems from the consulting firm's work for Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, the giant Japanese bank. In 2007, as the bank was facing regulatory scrutiny for doing business with countries blacklisted by the United States, it hired PricewaterhouseCoopers to conduct a review of transactions with Iran and other sanctioned countries, including some transfers routed through its New York branch.

The firm, which eventually submitted a report to regulators detailing the illicit transactions, claimed its work was objective and impartial.

But in the settlement, Lawskey accused the firm of "improperly altering" the report.

In an initial draft of the report, PricewaterhouseCoopers included paragraphs from a bank manual outlining "special instructions" employees should follow to ensure that transactions with Iran and other countries sanctioned by the U.S. did not draw attention. But under pressure from the bank, the consulting firm deleted those paragraphs in the version of the report sent to regulators.

The firm also deleted - or watered down - a number of other important issues. Initially, the report said that had the firm known about "these special instructions" at the start of the review, "then we would have used a different approach for completing this project." □

## Sensata to buy Schrader Intl in \$1 billion deal

**The Associated Press**

Sensata Technologies plans to inflate its presence in pressure sensing equipment with a \$1 billion deal to buy privately held Schrader International, which makes fire pressure monitoring sensors.

Sensata said on Monday that the deal will give it better access to the rapidly

growing \$2 billion low pressure sensor market. It noted that tire pressure monitoring sensors have become a standard feature on cars and light trucks sold in North America, and use of the technology is growing globally.

Schrader, which is owned by the private equity firm Madison Dearborn Part-

ners, is expected to generate about \$550 million in revenue this year, according to Sensata. Schrader is based in Denver and employs about 2,500 people globally, including more than 300 engineers.

Sensata Technologies Holding NV, a former Texas Instruments subsidiary, is based in the Netherlands.

It makes sensing, electrical protection, control and power management products.

U.S.-traded shares of Sensata closed at \$46.17 on Friday and have climbed 19 percent so far this year, a bigger advance than the 6 percent gain registered by the Standard & Poor's 500 index over the same span. □



## Google's pivotal IPO launched a decade of big business bets

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**Associated Press**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Google's IPO, a decade ago this week, launched the company on a trajectory that continues to reshape its business and much of the world in its orbit.

And CEO Larry Page is determined to push even further. Page's vision is that Google's products and services will become the control center of people's lives: The company's driverless cars will chauffeur people around safer roads and deliver goods within hours of an online order. People won't even have to bother leaving their homes, which will be made more comfortable and enjoyable through the use of smart appliances. Robots will handle tedious chores and other jobs, freeing up time for people to enjoy lives prolonged by health-management tools and disease-fighting breakthroughs engineered by Google. Internet-connected eyewear and watches will supplement the smartphones that ensure Google is a constant companion capable of anticipating questions and desires.

Google's big bets are fueled by Page's belief that "... incrementalism leads to irrelevance over time, especially in technology, because change tends to be revolutionary, not evolutionary," he wrote in May in Google's annual letter to shareholders.

Although Page has been taking risks since he co-founded Google with Sergey Brin 1998, the stakes probably wouldn't be as high if not for the company's pivotal IPO on Aug. 19, 2004.

Besides raising about \$1.2 billion in cash, the IPO empowered Google Inc. with a stock that the company used to attract more brainy engineers and buy promising companies such as YouTube. Google now employs 52,000 workers, some 20 times more than at the time of the IPO and has snapped up more than 250 companies in the past 10 years.

The ambitious expansion has extended Google's empire far beyond the influential search engine that processes more than 100 billion queries each month and still brings in most of the company's projected \$67 billion in revenue this year. Google is also a leader in email, Web browsers, Internet video and mobile computing now. The company already has amassed so much power that it has been the subject of broad antitrust investigations in the U.S. and Europe amid allegations that it uses its size and stature to stifle competition. The Federal Trade Commission absolved Google of wrongdoing last year while the European Commission is still examining the issue.

### ROCKY ROAD TO WALL STREET

When Google filed its IPO paperwork in April 2004, the iconoclasm of Page and Brin shone through the legalese and standard boilerplate language. The duo included an "owner's manual" that declared Google's intent to remain an unconventional company that pampered its employees, made risky gambles on long-term projects at the expense of short-term earnings growth and paid little heed to the unwritten Wall Street rules that prod executives to offer financial forecasts each quarter. In another break from tradition, Page and Brin set up a bidding process known as a "Dutch auction" designed to give a larger pool of investors an opportunity to determine the IPO price and buy the stock before it began trading on Nasdaq. This differed from the usual system that depends on bankers to set the IPO price and distribute the pre-trading shares to their preferred clients, who often expected to get them at a slight discount.

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## Dollar General bids on Family Dollar

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**AP Business Writers**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Dollar General isn't about to be left out in the cold. The discounter is starting a bidding war for Family Dollar with an approximately \$8.95 billion offer as it attempts to trump a Dollar Tree bid.

For Dollar General, the decision to enter the fray was clear because Family Dollar had been on its radar for a while. Dollar General Chairman and CEO Rick Dreiling said during a

One reason Dollar General is angling for Family Dollar is its customer base. Dreiling said that Family Dollar is strong in metropolitan areas, while Dollar General's strength lies in rural markets.

"Maybe we'll be able to learn something from each other," he said.

The two businesses also have similar pricing strategies, offering shoppers most products at \$10 or less. At Dollar Tree, everything in its stores costs just a buck.

ily Dollar combination would create a chain with almost 20,000 stores in 46 states and sales of more than \$28 billion.

Family Dollar has also come into play because of its business struggles. The Charlotte, North Carolina company has been shuttering stores and cutting prices in hopes of boosting its financial performance. In June investor Carl Icahn urged the company to put itself up for sale.

Dollar General Corp. said it would pay \$78.50 per share



**Customers enter a Family Dollar store on Plaza Boulevard, in Kinston, N.C. There's now a bidding war for Family Dollar, with Dollar General offering about \$9.7 billion for the discounter in an effort to trump Dollar Tree's bid of \$8.5 billion.**  
(AP Photo/Janet S. Carter)

conference call Monday that the company had expressed interest in combining with Family Dollar multiple times over the last few years.

While Dreiling didn't disclose if there'd been any sticking points in working out an agreement in the past, he said Dollar General was very surprised when Family Dollar announced its deal with Dollar Tree. Despite the shock, Dollar General remains undeterred in trying to work out a transaction.

"It's all water under the bridge. We're ready to move forward," Dreiling said.

While Dreiling was planning to retire from the CEO post in May 2015, he's agreed to postpone his retirement until May 2016 in order to help with the integration of the two companies.

While Dollar General and Family Dollar have several complimentary aspects of their businesses, a combination would also help eliminate some competition in the sector.

Dreiling said that even though retailers like Wal-Mart Stores Inc. have been opening smaller-format stores to try to lure lower-income customers, Dollar General's business has actually been hurt worse when a Family Dollar store opens near one of its locations.

But that doesn't mean that Wal-Mart and other retailers like Kroger Co. aren't a competitive threat still. By bringing Family Dollar into the fold, Dollar General can not only eliminate the rivalry — it can also bolster its muscle to help ward off bigger players.

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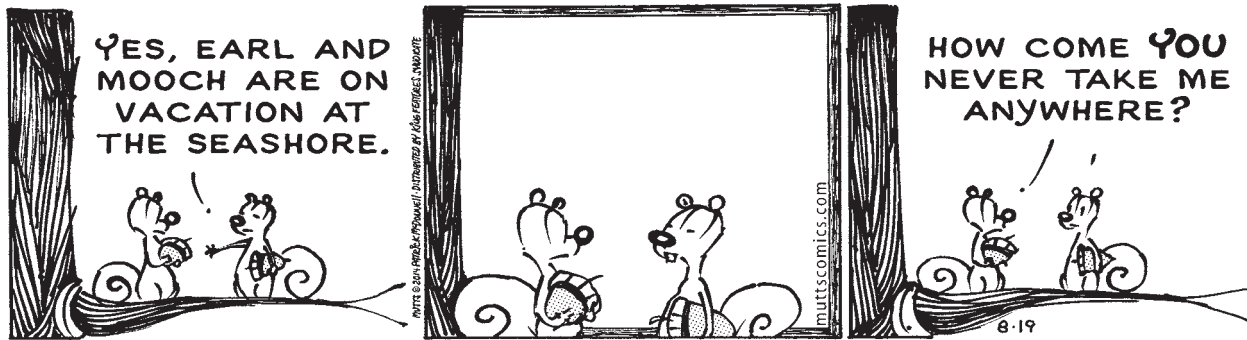
in cash. That's 3 percent higher than Family Dollar Stores Inc.'s Friday closing price of \$76.06. Dollar General put the deal's value at \$9.7 billion.

Last month Dollar Tree Inc. made an \$8.5 billion bid for Family Dollar. It offered to pay \$59.60 in cash and the equivalent of \$14.90 in shares of Dollar Tree for each share held. The companies valued the transaction at \$74.50 per share at the time. Including debt and other costs, the companies estimated the transaction to be worth approximately \$9.2 billion.

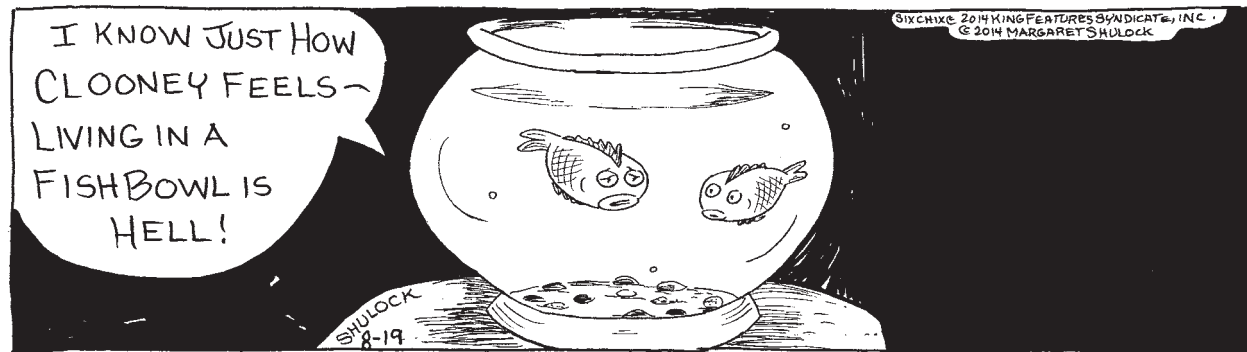
It remains to be seen if Dollar Tree will boost its offer for Family Dollar, and Wal-Mart recently said it's not interested in acquiring a dollar chain. Dreiling would not comment on whether Dollar General would be willing to increase its bid. □



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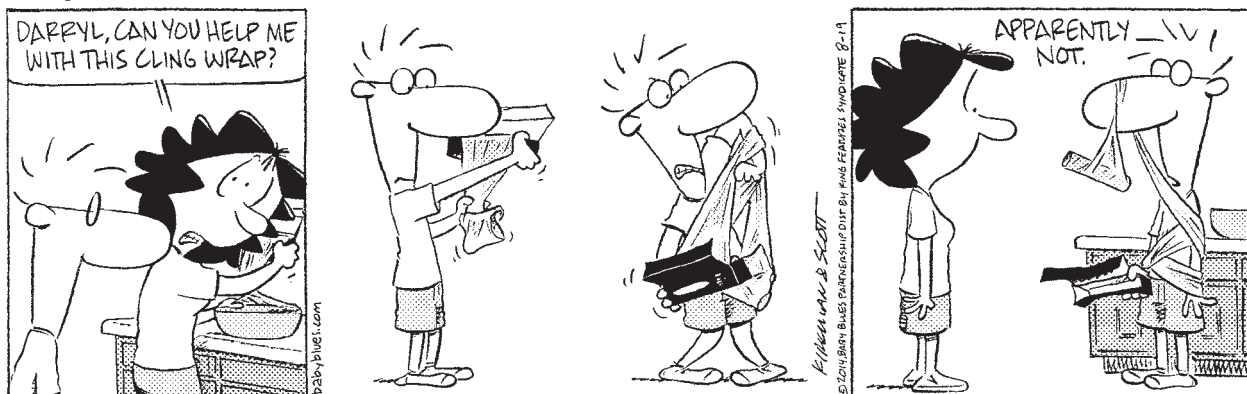
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## Mother Goose & Grimm



## Baby Blues



## Zits



## Conceptis Sudoku

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

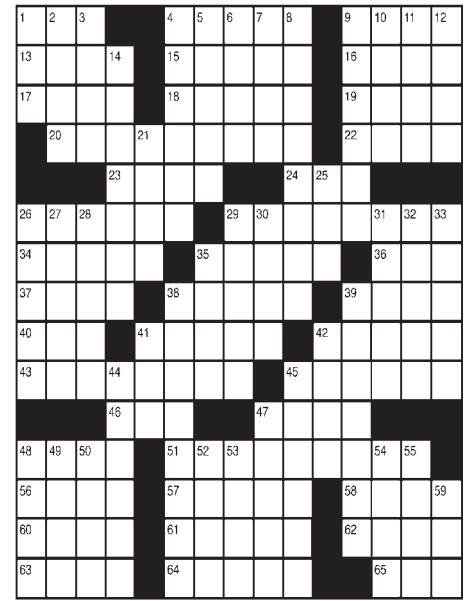
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## ACROSS

- Blue \_\_; noisy bird
- Terrible
- Portion
- Frosted
- \_\_ apso; small long-haired dog
- Toe the line
- Grizzly, for one
- Compare
- "Peachy \_\_"; old-fashioned phrase
- Unabashed
- Just sitting there
- Salary
- Embargo
- Place where a saint is revered
- Dropping suddenly in value
- Take \_\_; put forth effort
- Listened
- By way of
- Breathing organ
- Daft
- Goes quickly
- "\_\_ my party, and I'll cry if I want to..."
- Confused brawl
- Fragment
- Adolescent
- Girls
- Spring month: abbr.
- Camp shelter
- Early arcade video game
- Hat or belt
- Very excited
- Entryways
- Chess piece
- Accurate
- Wipe away
- Cartoon bear
- \_\_ away; dismiss
- Talk out of
- Groupie

## DOWN

- Triangular sail
- Helium & neon



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## Monday's Puzzle Solved

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PLEBES	DEFEAT	
AIRER	CHINA	DEC
ICKY	FLEET	SOSO
LIE	SOARS	COLTS
TRIPPOD	SAFEST	
ROD	SLATS	
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## Google

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Page and Brin didn't help Google's cause. They showed up to investor presentations in casual attire and then answered questions with off-the-cuff remarks that provided little information. Things got even more complicated when a Playboy interview done with Page and Brin in April came out in early August as the IPO was heading into the stretch. The piece revealed that Google hadn't properly registered millions of its shares with California regulators. Officials initially viewed the interview as breach of rules that forbid companies from sharing key information outside of IPO documents, but eventually the agency backed down when Google included the entire Playboy interview in an amended filing.

Google's IPO ended up being priced at \$85, well below

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# Ebola puts focus on drugs made in tobacco plants

**MALCOLM RITTER**  
**AP Science Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — It's an eye-catching angle in the story of an experimental treatment for Ebola: The drug comes from tobacco plants that were turned into living pharmaceutical factories.

Using plants this way — sometimes called "pharming" — can produce complex and valuable proteins for medicines. That approach, studied for about 20 years, hasn't caught on widely in the pharmaceutical industry.

But some companies and academic labs are pursuing it to create medicines and vaccines against such targets as HIV, cancer, the deadly Marburg virus and norovirus, known for causing outbreaks of stomach bug on cruise ships, as well as Ebola.

While most of the work in this area uses a tobacco plant, it's just a relative of the plant used to make cigarettes.

"It's definitely not something you smoke," said Jean-Luc Martre, a spokesman for Medicago, a Canadian company that's testing flu vaccines made with tobacco plants.

Medicago has a new production facility in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. Once approved by federal authorities, it's expected to be able to make 30 million doses of seasonal flu vaccine a year, or 120 million vaccine doses to fight a major outbreak of "pandemic" flu if the government requests it.

Scientists favor tobacco plants because they grow quickly and their biology is well understood, said Ben Locwin, a pharmaceuti-



**A tobacco flower waves in a dew-covered field outside Rolesville, N.C., on Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014. Researchers are using a relative of this smoking leaf to grow medicines for the flu and even, perhaps, ebola.**

cal biotech consultant in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, who is considered an expert on plant-produced medicines by the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists.

The North Carolina operation can handle as many as 90,000 plants. Under the whirl of fans, rows of young seedlings grow for about a month, until they are about a foot tall. Then they are taken by robots to another section of the facility, turned upside down and dipped in a tank to be "infiltrated" with whatever proteins they wish to grow. There are a number of Ebola treatments and vaccine in development, and one comes from tobacco plants grown in specialized greenhouses at another operation, Kentucky BioProcessing, in Owensboro, Kentucky.

That experimental treatment, called ZMapp, uses

proteins called antibodies, and is designed to inactivate the Ebola virus and help the body kill infected cells. It hasn't been tested in people but had shown promise in animal tests, so it was tried in three people sickened by Ebola in West Africa — two U.S. aid workers and a Spanish missionary priest, who later died.

The last few doses available are in Liberia. Kentucky BioProcessing, which produces it for the San Diego-based Mapp Biopharmaceutical, said it would take several months to make more, but it is working to increase production. In general, the idea behind pharming is to slip the genetic blueprints for a particular protein into a plant and let the plant's protein-making machinery go to

work. Then the protein can be extracted from plant tissues. While tobacco plants are a mainstay of such work, proteins also have been produced in other plants, such as safflower and potato.

In fact, the only medicine made this way that the federal government has approved for general use in people is made in a laboratory from cells of carrot plants. It treats a genetic illness called Gaucher's disease. The drug was approved in 2012 by the Food and Drug Administration.

A plant-made vaccine for a chicken disease gained approval from the Department of Agriculture in 2006 but was never brought to market. Another plant-produced product to fight germs that cause tooth de-

cay has been approved for use in Europe.

The lack of any stronger track record for approved drugs in the United States is a key reason why the plant-based technology hasn't been embraced more fully, Locwin said.

Some companies use cells from bacteria instead, but they can't always produce the complicated proteins that drug companies need, he said. The plant-based approach "has a tremendous amount of promise, but it doesn't yet have the FDA blessing across the board to be able to say this is successful" and a proven way to get a drug to market, he said.

And it would cost companies money to change over to the new technology, he said.

Plant-based drugs have attracted the attention and funding of the federal government, however, as a fast and cheap approach to make a lot of vaccine material in case of terrorist attacks, said Daniel Tuse (pronounced too-SAY'), a consultant and managing director of Intrasept Biomedicine, which also works with tobacco plants in Owensboro.

If a new germ appears, genetic material from it can be quickly inserted into plants, and large numbers of the plants can churn out supplies of material for vaccines or treatments, he said.

The plant-based experimental Ebola treatment was developed with government support.

**Associated Press**

## U.S. national parks ban drones to protect wildlife

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — Drones are now off limits in two national parks in Utah. Officials in the Arches and Canyonlands national parks say the unmanned aircrafts disrupt wildlife and are an intrusion on visitors looking for tranquility. The National Park Service's office in Moab, Utah, an-

nounced the new rule Monday in a news release. Park officials say they have seen a rapid increase in the use of drones recently. The ban also extends to Hovenweep and Natural Bridges national monuments. Two large national parks, Grand Canyon in Arizona and Zion in Utah, have al-

ready changed their rules to ban drones.

The National Park Service is taking steps to ban drones from 84 million acres of public lands and waterways, saying the unmanned aircraft annoy visitors, harass wildlife and threaten safety.



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## Debbie Reynolds to get SAG Life Achievement Award

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The Screen Actors Guild is honoring Debbie Reynolds for her professional and humanitarian accomplishments.

The guild announced Monday that the 82-year-old entertainer will receive the 2014 SAG Life Achievement Award at the Screen Actors Guild Awards ceremony in January. The award is the union's highest accolade.

Reynolds is a star of stage and screen, with more than 50 films, two Broadway shows and two TV series to her credit. In 1955, she and other young stars established a charity called The Thelians to fight the stigma of mental illness. The Thelians has since raised more than \$30 million. Reynolds published her first



In this May 21, 2013 file photo, actress Debbie Reynolds poses for a portrait in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Associated Press

memoir in 1987 and updated it with 2013's "Unsinkable: A Memoir."

The 21st annual SAG Awards will be presented Jan. 25 at Los Angeles' Shrine Exhibition Center. □

## Who wants to play Gloria Estefan on Broadway?



In this June 8, 2014, file photo, Gloria Estefan, left, and Emilio Estefan pose for photos at the 68th annual Tony Awards at Radio City Music Hall in New York.

Associated Press

**MARK KENNEDY**  
AP Drama Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The musical about Gloria Estefan and her husband Emilio is dancing to Broadway and you could earn a part in it — even playing Gloria. Producers of "On Your Feet!" said Monday they will offer performers around the world a chance to audition for all the roles in the Broadway-bound cast by submitting audition videos

online. There also will be two open casting calls — at Pearl Studios in New York City on Sept. 9 and at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts in Miami on Sept. 21. The musical is due to begin previews in New York at the Marquis Theatre on October 2015 after a summer stop in Chicago. Jerry Mitchell, who directed "Kinky Boots," will helm the show, with Sergio Trujillo choreographing. □

## NBC's 'Blacklist' gets A-list marketing treatment

LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — With TV viewers awash in choices, how can a network bolster a freshman hit's chances of repeating its success in year two? Plot a marketing extravaganza that's nearly inescapable. For NBC's top-rated drama "The Blacklist," the network has devised a promotion and advertising campaign that will put the show and star James Spader front and center on billboards, faux magazine covers and online before its Sept. 22 return.

Various images of Spader as master criminal Raymond "Red" Reddington will decorate the mock covers on the flip side of 10 magazines, including the August or September issues of Vanity Fair, Rolling Stone, Wired and the New Yorker. Playboy will feature a "Blacklist" cover ad fronting the issue out Tuesday, NBC said.

Among the eye-catching fakes: the back of the men's magazine GQ, relabeled BQ, showing a sharp-dressed Spader with a headline that pays homage to Reddington's style:



This advertisement released by NBC shows a mock magazine cover featuring James Spader in character as Raymond Reddington from the NBC series "The Blacklist."

Associated Press

"The Blacklist of criminal chic: fedoras, trenchcoats & more." The network declined to put a price tag on the campaign, but its pull-out-the-stops

approach makes sense. "The Blacklist" was among the reasons NBC finished the 2013-14 season as No. 1 among advertiser-favored young adult viewers for the first time in a decade. □

## Oil pipeline opponents plan concert in cornfield

**NELIGH, Neb. (AP)** — Willie Nelson and Neil Young will headline a concert next month in a Nebraska cornfield organized by opponents of a proposed pipeline that would carry oil from Canada south to the Gulf Coast. Bold Nebraska said Monday the concert will be held Sept. 27 on a farm near Neligh in northeast Nebraska. Tickets go on sale Wednesday. Earlier this year, protesters carved an anti-pipeline message into the cornfield, which is in the path of TransCanada's proposed Keystone XL pipeline. □



In this Sept. 22, 2012 file photo Neil Young, right, and Willie Nelson perform during the Farm Aid 2012 concert at Hersheypark Stadium in Hershey, Pa.

Associated Press





In this April 30, 2013, file photo, comedian Craig Ferguson poses at the Cool Comedy's Hot Cuisine Benefit for the Scleroderma Research Foundation at the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Associated Press

## Source: Craig Ferguson to launch new talk show

**FRAZIER MOORE**  
AP Television Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Craig Ferguson is close to a deal to launch an early-evening talk show starting in fall 2015.

The outgoing host of CBS' "The Late Late Show" would introduce his half-hour syndicated series on stations in a slot just before prime time, according to a source with knowledge of the deal who spoke on the condition of anonymity because that person wasn't authorized to comment publicly.

Ferguson is expected to bring along his robot skeleton "sidekick," Geoff, as well as executive producer Michael Naidus.

A Ferguson representative didn't immediately respond Monday to a request for comment.

Ferguson, who has held a late-night berth on CBS for a decade, will step down in December.

In a separate venture, he will host a new syndicated game show, "Celebrity Name Game," beginning next month.

## K. Michelle links with Idris Elba for VH1 musical

**JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.**  
Associated Press

**ATLANTA (AP)** — When Idris Elba agreed to direct K. Michelle's TV musical, the R&B singer thought he was kidding.

"I'm really good friends with Idris, and when I told him about it, he said he wanted to do it. I thought he was joking at first," Michelle said in a recent interview.

The rising singer is pairing with the Golden Globe winner for "Rebellious Soul: the Musical," which premieres Tuesday on VH1. The 30-minute special features songs from Michelle's album "Rebellious Soul," which debuted at No. 2 and No. 1 on Billboard's Top 200 albums and R&B/Hip-Hop albums charts last year.

"I told him about what I wanted to do, and he held his word," she said. "He never did judge me. He's a very down-to-earth person, so working with him was like working with one of my homeboys."

The outspoken singer gained popularity in 2012



K. Michelle poses for a photo, Friday, Aug. 15, 2014, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

as a star of the VH1 reality show "Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta." Michelle said she learned a great deal from Elba, who also records music and has produced for Jay Z.

"I learned a lot from just his drive, and just from him being professional when it comes to his business," the 30-year-old said. "I completely look up to him." Michelle, who plans to release her sophomore album this year, said she's matured after watching

herself get into constant turmoil on "Love & Hip Hop." She will debut a solo reality show called "K. Michelle: My Life" in the fall on VH1, which will showcase a different side of Michelle: motherhood.

"I keep him very tucked away from TV," she said of her son, "but this'll be the world's first time getting a little piece of my heart, my little one."

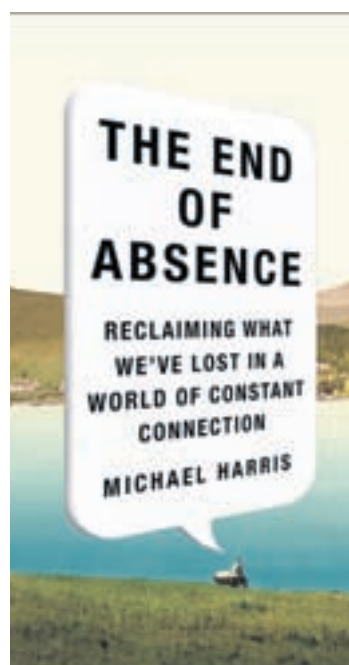
Michelle won best new artist honors at the Soul Train Awards and NAACP Image Awards last year.

## Review: An insightful look at digital-age clutter

**MATT SEDENSKY**  
Associated Press

I fall asleep to the glow of Netflix and, when I awake, begin the digital litany of my day: the relentless email and news, the Facebook and Twitter feeds, the blogs and mindless videos, and on and on. I remember somewhat vaguely when I used pay phones to dictate the story of the day, when an online life was limited to the screeching dial-up of AOL and, as a child, when even that was a foreign idea.

Michael Harris offers in his book "The End of Absence" a fascinating assessment of this moment we inhabit and, for those old enough to remember, highlights the rare opportunity we have to recall what it was



This book cover image released by Current shows "The End of Absence: Reclaiming What We've Lost in a World of Constant Connection," by Michael Harris.

Associated Press

like before we filled our day with unstoppable status updates, conversations interrupted by Wikipedia fact checks and the suffocating weight of thousands of emails.

It's all become so normal that it feels as if we knew all of Harris' observations before we read them, though they remain insightful and stunning and frightening. We are denizens of a world where facts are invented, true expertise is devalued, authenticity is at a premium and, more than anything else, distractions reign.

"As we embrace a technology's gifts, we usually fail to consider what they ask from us in return — the subtle, hardly noticeable payments we make in exchange for their marvel-

ous service," he writes. "We don't notice, for example, that the gaps in our schedules have disappeared because we're too busy delighting in the amusements that fill them. We forget the games that childhood boredom forged because boredom itself has been outlawed. Why would we bother to register the end of solitude, of ignorance, of lack? Why would we care that an absence has disappeared?"

Though Harris doesn't totally answer those questions, he makes clear something has been lost, and it's hard not to agree. He may be most eloquent when he sounds an alarm on behalf of those with no memory of the world before, those young minds that have

been rewired by our new normal: "I fear we are the last of the daydreamers. I fear our children will lose lack, lose absence and never comprehend its quiet, immeasurable value."

Chances are, you'll recognize yourself in Harris' writing and note that you, too, enjoyed a life without so much static. Toward the end of his concise work, he takes a monthlong sabbatical leave from the Internet and his cellphone and all their related trappings. He gains no epiphany, though, and offers no sweeping advice for readers. It is, he acknowledges, more meditation than prescription, but it is an illuminating, worthy reckoning of our disjointed, digital life.



## Frustration in Ferguson



CHARLES M. BLOW

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The response to the killing of the unarmed teenager Michael Brown - whom his family called the "gentle giant" - by the Ferguson, Missouri, police officer Darren Wilson - who was described by his police chief as "a gentle, quiet man" and "a gentleman" - has been anything but genteel. There have been passionate but peaceful protests to be sure, but there has also been some violence and looting. Police forces in the town responded with an outlandish military-like presence more befitting Baghdad than suburban Missouri.

There were armored vehicles, flash grenades and a seemingly endless supply of tear gas - much of it Pentagon trickle-down. There were even officers perched atop vehicles, in camouflage and body armor, pointing weapons in the direction of peaceful protesters.

Let me be clear here: Pointing a gun at an innocent person is an act of violence and provocation. Americans were aghast at the images, and condemnation was swift and bipartisan. The governor put the state Highway Patrol in charge of security. Tensions seemed to subside, for a day.

But then on Friday, when releasing the name of the officer who did the shooting, the police chief also released details and images of a robbery purporting to show Brown stealing cigars from a local convenience store and pushing a store employee in the process. The implication seemed to be that Wilson was looking for the person who committed the convenience store crime when he encountered Brown. But, later in the day, the chief said Wilson didn't know Brown was a robbery suspect when they encountered each other. Something seemed off. The police chief's decision to release the details of the robbery and the images - without releasing an image of Wilson - struck many as perfidious. In a strongly worded statement, Brown's family and attorneys accused the chief of attempting to assassinate the character of the dead teen. Some also deemed it an attempt at distraction from the central issue: An officer shot an unarmed teenager who witnesses claim had raised his hands in surrender when at least some of the shots were fired, which the

family and its attorneys called "a brutal assassination of his person in broad daylight."

The Justice Department is even investigating whether Brown's civil rights were violated. This would include the excessive use of force. As the department makes clear, this "does not require that any racial, religious, or other discriminatory motive existed."

It's impossible to truly know the chief's motives for his decision to release the robbery information at the same time as the officer's name, but the effect was clear: That night, a fragile peace was shattered. There was more looting, although peaceful protesters struggled heroically to block the violent ones.

On Saturday, the governor issued a midnight curfew for the town. A small band of protesters defied it and some were arrested.

The community is struggling to find its way back to normalcy, but it would behoove us to dig a bit deeper into the underlying frustrations that cause a place like Ferguson to erupt in the first place and explore the untenable nature of our normal.

Yes, there are the disturbingly repetitive and eerily similar circumstances of many cases of unarmed black people being killed by police officers. This reinforces black people's beliefs - supportable by actual data - that blacks are treated less fairly by the police. But I submit that this is bigger than that. The frustration we see in Ferguson is about not only the present act of perceived injustice but also the calcifying system of inequity - economic, educational, judicial - drawn largely along racial lines.

In 1951, Langston Hughes began his poem "Harlem" with a question: "What happens to a dream deferred?" Today, I must ask: What happens when one desists from dreaming, when the very exercise feels futile?

The discussion about issues in the black community too often revolves around a false choice: systemic racial bias or poor personal choices. In fact, these factors are interwoven like the fingers of clasped hands. People make choices within the context of their circumstances and those circumstances are affected - sometimes severely - by bias. These biases do material damage as well as help breed a sense of disenfranchisement and despair, which in turn can have a depressive effect on aspiration and motivation. This all feeds back on itself. If we want to truly address the root of the unrest in Ferguson, we have to ask ourselves how we can break this cycle. Otherwise, Hughes' last words of "Harlem," referring to the dream deferred, will continue to be prophetic: "does it explode?" □



## The Forever Slump



PAUL KRUGMAN

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It's hard to believe, but almost six years have passed since the fall of Lehman Bros. ushered in the worst economic crisis since the 1930s. Many people, myself included, would like to move on to other subjects. But we can't, because the crisis is by no means over. Recovery is far from complete, and the wrong policies could still turn economic weakness into a more or less permanent depression.

In fact, that's what seems to be happening in Europe as we speak. And the rest of us should learn from Europe's experience. Before I get to the latest bad news, let's talk about the great policy argument that has raged for more than five years. It's easy to get bogged down in the details, but basically it has been a debate between the too-muchers and the not-enoughers.

The too-muchers have warned incessantly that the things governments and central banks are doing to limit the depth of the slump are setting the stage for something even worse. Deficit spending, they suggested, could provoke a Greek-style crisis any day now - within two years, declared Alan Simpson and Erskine Bowles some 3 1/2 years ago. Asset purchases by the Federal Reserve would "risk currency debasement and inflation," declared a who's who of Republican economists, investors and pundits in a 2010 open letter to Ben Bernanke.

The not-enoughers - a group that includes yours truly - have argued all along that the clear and present danger is Japanification rather than Hellenization. That is, they have warned that inadequate fiscal stimulus and a premature turn to austerity could lead to a lost decade or more of economic depression, that the Fed should be doing even more to boost the economy, that deflation, not inflation, was the great risk facing the Western world.

To say the obvious, none of the predictions and warnings of the too-muchers have come to pass. America never experienced a Greek-type crisis of soaring borrowing costs. In fact, even within Europe the debt crisis largely faded away once the European Central Bank began doing its job as lender of last resort. Meanwhile, inflation has stayed low. However, while the not-enoughers were right to dismiss warnings about interest rates and inflation, our concerns about actual deflation haven't yet come to pass.

This has provoked a fair bit of rethinking about the inflation process (if there has been any rethinking on the other side of this argument, I haven't seen it), but not-enoughers continue to worry about the risks of a Japan-type quasi-permanent slump. Which brings me to Europe's woes.

On the whole, the too-muchers have had much more influence in Europe than in the United States, while the not-enoughers have had no influence at all. European officials eagerly embraced now-discredited doctrines that allegedly justified fiscal austerity even in depressed economies (although America has de facto done a lot of austerity, too, thanks to the sequester and cuts at the state and local level). And the European Central Bank, or ECB, not only failed to match the Fed's asset purchases, it actually raised interest rates in

2011 to head off the imaginary risk of inflation.

The ECB reversed course when Europe slid back into recession, and, as I've already mentioned, under Mario Draghi's leadership, it did a lot to alleviate the European debt crisis. But this wasn't enough. The European economy did start growing again last year, but not enough to make more than a small dent in the unemployment rate.

And now growth has stalled, while inflation has fallen far below the ECB's target of 2 percent, and prices are actually falling in debtor nations. It's really a dismal picture.

Draghi & Co. need to do whatever they can to try and turn things around, but given the political and institutional constraints they face, Europe will arguably be lucky if all it experiences is one lost decade.

The good news is that things don't look that dire in America, where job creation seems finally to have picked up and the threat of deflation has receded, at least for now. But all it would take is a few bad shocks and/or policy missteps to send us down the same path.

The good news is that Janet Yellen, the Fed chairwoman, understands the danger; she has made it clear that she would rather take the chance of a temporary rise in the inflation rate than risk hitting the brakes too soon, the way the ECB did in 2011.

The bad news is that she and her colleagues are under a lot of pressure to do the wrong thing from the too-muchers, who seem to have learned nothing from being wrong year after year, and are still agitating for higher rates. There's an old joke about the man who decides to cheer up, because things could be worse - and sure enough, things get worse. That's more or less what happened to Europe, and we shouldn't let it happen here. □



# Madden Ratings Guru Has the Players' Attention

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**DENVER (AP)** — Donny Moore can be the most reviled man in NFL locker rooms.

He's not a coach, a referee or a drug tester. He has never played or coached a game. Still, NFL players — and millions of fans — can't wait to see what he has to say.

Moore is the "ratings czar" for "Madden NFL," the man responsible for making sure the popular video game's virtual avatars accurately reflect their real-life counter-

in-cheek versus truly getting upset," Moore said by phone from Orlando, Florida, where he works for EA Sports.

Only one time, Moore said, he felt he truly angered a player. Moore won't name the player, but when an EA Sports film crew went to scan the face of the Arizona Cardinals player, he asked them to deliver an "F-bomb-filled" message to Moore.

Save for the select few superstars like Richard Sherman or Peyton Manning who earn 99s and 98s on Moore's 1-to-100 scale, nobody ever seems to be happy with their

ing to like it."

Moore dives through data, comparing 40-yard dash times for speed, 10-yard split times to determine acceleration and 20-yard shuttles for agility.

"We're trying base our real numbers in the real world," he said.

To fine-tune his assessments, he goes to the video. After all, Jerry Rice ran the 40-yard dash in a relatively pokey 4.71 seconds, but you'd never know that by the way he played.

"So, really, for a receiver, for example, we're trying

other way, too. Ray Rice started last season at 95 and finished at 82.

With the new Madden game coming out next week, Moore has been busy getting feedback from players hearing about their ratings. Giants punter Steve Weatherford was upset over his 45 strength rating. Strength might not be important for a punter, but Weatherford isn't a typical kicker.

"He's on the cover of some sort of fitness magazine," Moore said. "He looks like he should be in UFC. So, as a result of seeing that and

So, I'm like, OK, yeah, this guy's tough. I'll move him up to a 98." Some positions are harder to grade than others. Offensive lineman don't have many stats to study. Moore turns to sites that do advanced metrics such as Pro Football Focus and Football Outsiders.

"You plug in data points wherever possible," Moore said. "Obviously, a lot of it is subjective and that's where the real art comes into it."

Moore is known for correcting mistakes.

Titans receiver Justin Hunter's was one of the country's top high jumpers in college, so he was not happy with his rookie jumping rating.

"When Madden came out this year, they had my jumping at 95, so ... they did it right," Hunter said.

Moore started at Electronic Arts in 1999 as a game tester after winning a one-day tournament of the college football game, "NCAA 99." He was eating lunch at the student union at the University of Central Florida — where he was studying political science with dreams of getting into law school — when he noticed a banner announcing the tourney and decided to skip class that afternoon.

He chatted up the game designers during the tourney, impressing them with minutiae, informing them their right-footed punter was actually left-footed in real life. After he won, they offered him a summer job.

"And I'd get to test next year's game and play it before anyone else? Heck yeah." A few months later, he was offered a full-time gig, so he put his schooling on hold. He took over Madden ratings in 2009.

Moore wasn't much of an athlete as a kid, giving up football at 12.

"I just never really had the size-speed combo you need to play high school football," Moore said. "But, my God, I had a passion for the NFL draft and that whole process for my whole life. As far back as I can remember, I would be doing mock drafts on a big yellow pad. I loved to compare things and I loved to read things.

"I loved to see who was the best at something. I just like to see how it's ranked, how the numbers come out." □



**Donny Moore poses for a photo in front three computer screens he uses to rate NFL football players for the Madden NFL video football game at EA Sports in Orlando, Fla. Moore is the "ratings czar" for "Madden NFL," the man responsible for making sure the popular video game's virtual avatars accurately reflect their real-life counterparts. (AP Photo/John Raoux)**

parts.

Moore uses all sorts of metrics and measurements to come up with ratings. Then, he tweaks the numbers weekly after watching all the games and pondering feedback from fans and even the players themselves.

Sometimes aging stars first recognize their careers are on the downslopes when the new Madden game arrives in August and their ratings have slipped.

They'll let Moore know they disagree, often using Twitter or even sending him a YouTube video.

"It's usually more tongue-

ranking.

"My ratings haven't been very good. So, based off of that, I guess I'm not a fan," Bills running back Fred Jackson said with laugh. "But he has a hard job to do. There's, I don't know, 1,800 of us? And he's not going to make all 1,800 of us happy." Moore, 36, uses a 1-to-100 rating scale for dozens of categories, including strength, catching, jumping, speed, awareness and toughness.

"Everybody thinks they're a 100," said Bills wide receiver Mike Williams. "No matter what you get, you're not go-

to capture game speed with pads on, not how fast you run in a straight line on a short lawn in a T-shirt," Moore said.

Sometimes video game players complain a player is too good. Or the game designers complain that Moore has guys rated so highly in certain categories that it throws the game off-kilter.

Among the guys he underestimated were Washington running back Alfred Morris and Giants wide receiver Victor Cruz, both of whom started a season with mid-60s ratings and finished in the high 80s. It works the

reading some stories that he bench presses 400 pounds, I immediately boosted his strength rating up to 88."

Moore got an earful after rating Ravens offensive lineman Marshall Yanda as the 26th-toughest player in Baltimore.

"All his teammates were basically upset about it. Everybody's like, 'There's not 25 people in the world tougher than Marshall Yanda,'" Moore said. "So, that got my attention. And then there was a story written about him how he played on a broken leg. Same thing with a separated shoulder.